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TO-DAY'S SPECIAL MEETING.

Losses Put At About \$2,000,000.

Matters affecting one of the best known of local companies—the China Provident, Loan and Mortgage Co., Ltd.—were the subject of some pointed comment at an extraordinary general meeting held this morning.

Losses sustained were put at an "outside figure" of \$2,000,000. A committee of investigation was appointed.

The resolutions which were on the agenda were passed but with some amendments.

The Consulting Committee present was as follows:—Mr. R. G. Shewan (chairman), the Very Rev. Father L. Robert, Messrs. T. G. Weall, H. P. White, J. H. Taggart and Dr. de Maesler.

Others present were: Mr. W. E. L. Shenton (company's solicitor), Mr. D. L. King (secretary) and the following shareholders:—Messrs. J. P. Wright, M. G. Beale, A. Zimmerman, Chin Jim-fai, P. M. N. de Silva, J. M. Alves, P. Tester, Poon Li-fung, V. Sorby, J. S. Perry, J. Fleming, F. Wong, D. J. Lewis, C. B. Brown, A. L. Alves, Kelly Sayce, C. A. de Roza, J. T. Bagram, Chan Yuk-ai, Soo Pei-shao, W. J. Hawker, D. H. Cameron, A. H. Thompson, W. T. Stanton, G. Ducle, L. Damban, A. E. Samy, W. Morley, Wong Kwok-ming, Ip Fook, D. W. Munson, Li Tse-fong, Ja Tak-cheung, I. W. Shewan, Tse Tsan-tak, B. C. Randall, Henry Humphreys, W. Allan, A. W. Thornhill, Chan Poo-min, E. Sadick, Chan Wing-foo, E. M. Raymond, V. J. M. Crawford, N. V. H. Croucher, D. Templeton, C. H. W. Kew, W. J. Carroll, A. A. Alves, D. J. Lopes, Choy Hon-fun, C. M. Heanley, S. Lopes and others.

On the chairman's instructions, the secretary read the convening notice. Mr. Shewan indicated that Mr. T. G. Weall would address the meeting and Mr. Weall then spoke as follows:—

The general managers have called this meeting at the request of your consulting committee, who have asked me to make a statement to you regarding what we consider to be the very unsatisfactory position of the company's financial affairs, to advise you of the steps already taken by the committee and to put before you certain proposals for the future.

In October last year certain facts came to our knowledge and we at once requested the general managers to call in Messrs. Lowe, Bingham and Matthews as independent accountants to carry out a thorough investigation and after a period of three months, the length of which period was partly necessitated by the position of the company's records, a report was presented to us. This report, in spite of the time of necessity taken in its preparation, is merely a preliminary statement; it does not in any way purport to give us a definite and complete analysis of the affairs of the company, but it nevertheless reveals such disquieting matters that we felt it was obviously necessary to lay before you at the earliest opportunity the information which it contained.

My statement, therefore, will not attempt to give you an exhaustive survey of the report, because I think you will agree with your committee when you have heard what I have to say that a complete investigation of the company's affairs will be necessary, and such complete investigation when made may in some cases amplify or limit the conclusions reached by the accountants in their preliminary report, but with your permission I will enumerate some of the principal items so far disclosed.

New Issue of Capital:—You will remember that by a special resolution passed on January 14, 1924 and confirmed on January 29, 1924 a new issue of capital was authorised, and 400,000 new shares created.

A specific date, March 15, 1924 was fixed for these shares to be taken up by shareholders whose registered address was within Hongkong, China or Japan. After that date the remainder of the unissued shares was to be dis-

posed of by the general managers. Now as these shares on March 15, 1924 were standing at a high premium in the market it appeared to us that it was the plain duty of the general managers either to offer the unissued shares to all the shareholders, or to have disposed of them in the market and obtained the premium for the benefit of the company. In fact they did neither.

An examination of the books shows that from March 15 up to the end of the year the general managers proceeded to issue these shares at par to certain shareholders whose acceptances they received after March 15—they paid dividends upon shares so issued as though they had been taken up and the allotment money paid upon March 15—in many cases they failed to charge the appropriate rate of interest upon the acceptances.

We believe that these methods resulted in a loss to the company of about \$100,000.

Not only did the general managers thus fail in their duty to the company, but at the general meeting held on April 30, 1924, your committee and the shareholders were led to believe that at that date the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, and the allotment money paid.

Mortgages:—A large number of loans against property have been found to be insufficiently secured. In some cases mortgage deeds had not been completed and in many cases proper valuations had not been obtained of property against which money had been lent.

So far back as November, 1925, your committee insisted and the general managers undertook to have legal mortgages executed in respect of all loans made on land or securities.

An illuminating instance of the methods pursued by the general managers is that of Mr. Tong Hok-ting—compradore and partner of Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co.—to whom approximately 4½ lakhs of the company's money was advanced on title deeds, which we are now informed by the general managers are valueless as security for this loan.

This information was given us for the first time on March 28. We understand now that the general managers were aware of it two months earlier.

Loans on Shares, etc.:—Very large sums of money have been advanced on the security of shares—the result in many cases being disastrous—loans were made on shares carrying liabilities for further calls and apparently the prudent policy of requiring a margin of safety was not pursued.

I do not intend to trouble you with a long list of specific items but as an example there are two loans to Messrs. G. P. and H. A. Lammett on the security of shares which according to the report, on a valuation of December 31, last show an approximate excess of loan over security of \$181,000 and \$22,500 respectively on that date. Unfortunately there are many other similar cases.

Interest on loans is in a large number of cases in default. Such items have in many cases been credited to revenue and merely added on to the amount of the loan and general managers' commission has been charged thereon. It is impossible to estimate the sum involved at present, but this is a matter for the accountants to go into more fully. Needless to say, the inclusion of such debts in the balance sheet as good assets tends to create an altogether false impression of the company's standing, and I am afraid that a large portion of

EASY MONEY.

PRIVATE CAR DRIVER'S TEMPTATION.

COSTS \$50.

The practice of using private cars for public hire was described as a proper nuisance when Divisional Inspector Peter Grant charged a Chinese driver with the offence before Mr. R. E. Lindell at the Central Magistracy this morning.

According to facts stated in Court, a vigilant European Sergeant had observed the car, which belongs to one Lau Cho, of No. 98, Bonham Strand East, running backwards and forwards with passengers at 3.30 this morning. Defendant was arrested in the act of striking a bargain with two passengers to take them to Stanley Street for \$1.

Defendant was given the option of a fine of \$50, or four weeks.

those sums will need to be written off entirely.

In addition to the matters already mentioned there are many other transactions which require further investigation.

Loans have been made on various securities; for example, borrowings by Messrs. Shewan, Tomes & Co., the accounts and valuations calculated to December 31, 1925 showing the firm to be indebted to the company in a sum of \$259,000—the security being partly shares and partly goods—with an estimated excess of indebtedness over security of \$77,000.

There is a total of roughly \$20,000 outstanding of promissory notes without any security whatsoever. And large sums are due to the company for storage charges in some cases going back nearly ten years. We cannot, of course, expect to recover all these at this late date.

Estimate of Losses:—Without going more fully into the position, the preliminary statements show that loans on shares and property are in excess of security to the extent of approximately \$1,750,000 but we sincerely hope that the full loss will not amount to this sum. In addition, there are the smaller items such as bad debts, unpaid interest, etc., allowance for which will have to be made and we place the losses to be met at an outside figure of \$2,000,000. This may mean a drastic adjustment of the issued capital or possibly re-organisation of the company. As to this, it is impossible to form an opinion until a more complete investigation has been carried out.

At the present moment I am not prepared to suggest to what extent the officers of the company can be held liable for the losses incurred. It would be undesirable in our committee's opinion to do so until necessary investigations have been completed and all the facts known.

Proposals for Future:—The foregoing gives you as concisely as possible the present position of the company and I now propose to deal with the immediate future. I suggest that as it is impossible for a large body to deal with the situation, you be asked to nominate three representatives from your number to represent you and to co-operate with the members of the present consulting committee to continue the investigations and to report to you at a later date together with any recommendations they are able to make as to the future of the company. To be of practical use, this committee should have your authority to employ such expert knowledge as they may deem necessary. They should also be empowered to engage temporarily or permanently such persons as they deem necessary either for purposes of this investigation or for the proper conduct of the company's business. In this connection, the investigating accountants have called our attention to the necessity of having more assistants for the godown part of the business and your committee consider it most desirable to employ for a limited period a qualified accountant to assist in the completion of the investigation and to install an efficient and up-to-date system of accounting.

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ARMED ROBBERS.

BREAK UP A MAH JONG PARTY.

BROKER'S WIFE STABBED.

A party of Chinese engaged in a game of mah jong at No. 26, Kennedy Street, first floor, last night received a visit from four men, three armed with daggers and one with a revolver.

The wife of Tan Cheong, a broker, called out "save life" and for this she was stabbed in the shoulder. She was later sent to the Government Civil Hospital. The robbers, who had remained in the house for some time and had collected a little loot, decamped on the call for help.

TRUCK DEATH.

ACCIDENT AT KENNEDY TOWN.

A WOMAN VICTIM.

A accident attended with instantaneous death took place at Kennedy Town yesterday afternoon, the victim being a Chinese, coolie woman living at Belcher Street.

A two-wheeled truck heavily loaded with iron was being pulled along Catechick Street with a number of coolies leaning on ropes in front and others pushing behind. The rope on which a woman had placed her weight snapped and she was thrown down, but before she could get clear of the truck a wheel ran over her body, killing her on the spot.

NAUGHTY DOGGIE.

DISLIKES WATER AND BITES AMAH.

NOW REPENTING.

A little forgetfulness on the part of a fox terrier owned by Mrs. S. L. Hadden, of Pratt Building, Kowloon, transferred the animal from its comfortable home to the seclusion of the dog camp at Kennedy Town yesterday.

The other injured party was an amah who was engaged in an act of cleanliness and was bitten in the hand. She received treatment at the Kowloon Dispensary.

MOTOR MISHAPS.

SEVERAL CASES OF INJURY.

A number of motor accidents occurred yesterday in which two European drivers of cars were involved, the mishaps being all in the thickly populated area of Queen's Road East.

In the case of Mr. R. E. Atwell, who ran into a Japanese on a push cycle, he estimates that \$50 damage was done to his car.

Mr. H. F. Burgess, of the A.P.C., knocked down a man who received injuries to the head and had to be taken to the Government Civil Hospital.

In three separate accidents, in one of which Robert Yeung, a motor cyclist, was involved, small boys were injured, but they refused to go to hospital.

"TRICK" CYCLING.

A Chinese youth who did "trick" cycling with his hands off the handle bar on a main thoroughfare was charged at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning with dangerous riding and two other counts. The prosecution asking for deterrent punishment to mitigate the evil the Magistrate imposed fines aggregating \$45.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand to-day was 2/3 1/16.

MANILA FLIGHT.

SPANISH AIRMAN REACHES TRIPOLI.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tripoli, April 7. The remaining Spanish airman has arrived here from Tunis.

COMING TO HONGKONG.

The flight is being made in three Breguet aeroplanes to the Philippines, via North Africa, Cairo, Karachi, Calcutta and Cochin-China. The pilots are the three Spanish "Aces," Captains Gallarza, Estevez and Loriga. Each has one mechanic.

Private advices from Madrid to the "China Mail" yesterday indicate that the aviators will touch at Hongkong on their way to Manila.

MILL STRIKE.

ALLEGED ASSAULT AND ITS SEQUEL.

GRAVE SITUATION.

(Reuter's Service.)

Calcutta, April 7. A very grave situation is reported from Gouripur, 25 miles from Calcutta, where thousands of mill workers have struck as the sequel to a European's alleged assault on a coolie, who died.

The situation became worse in the evening, Europeans being assaulted and four injured.

Armed police have been summoned.

Allegations Denied.

Calcutta, Later.

The arrival of armed police from Barrackpore has quieted the rioters at Gouripur, though the coolies have not returned to work.

The European mentioned earlier denies the allegations of assaulting a coolie.

Religious ferment in Calcutta itself has not yet subsided, being nurtured by false rumours of assaults, desecrations of temples and mosques, and Mohammedans being killed in the streets.

To-day a British lady was injured.

A number of Hindus and Moslems are in hospital suffering from lathi blows and stabs.

Sir Hugh Stevenson is touring the area, conferring with leaders of both communities.

CIVIL WAR.

REPORTED DEVELOPMENT IN SHANTUNG.

FRONT LINE WITHDRAWAL.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tsingtiao, April 8.

Pi Shou-chen has returned here from Tientsin to-day.

A Tientsin report says that owing to some development in Shantung, the nature of which cannot at present be ascertained, there has been a large movement of Shantung troops from this vicinity for Tschow and Tsinanfu.

As a consequence the front line against Peking has been withdrawn from Huangsun to Wanchuang.

MARCH 18.

CABINET AND NON-COMMUNIST VICTIMS.

COMPENSATION ANNOUNCED.

(Reuter's Service.)

Peking, April 8.

The Cabinet has resolved to compensate the non-Communist students who were wounded and the families of those who were killed in the demonstration against the Cabinet on March 18.

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"KALYAN"	9,149	20th April	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"ALHAMBRA"	9,373	27th April	Singapore, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	10,068	1st May	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,841	29th May	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KHYBER"	9,114	14th June	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"MANTUA"	10,862	26th June	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KARNATA"	9,123	10th July	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"RANPURA"	10,858	24th July	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"DELTA"	8,097	7th Aug.	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"MAHEDONIA"	11,069	21st Aug.	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KALYAN"	9,141	4th Sept.	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"MALWA"	10,841	18th Sept.	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay
"KASHGAR"	8,068	2nd Oct.	Malacca, Penang, Cebu & Bombay

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EASTERN & AUSTRALIAN SAILINGS (South)

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"TANDA"	8,863	1st June	Thursday Island, Townsville, Brisbane, Sydney and Melbourne.

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"TALMA"	8,500	12th April	Moji, Kobe & Osaka
"KASHGAR"	8,003	18th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TALMA"	10,000	26th April	Kobe
"KHYBER"	9,114	30th April	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"TANDA"	8,863	1st May	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"MALWA"	10,841	14th May	Shanghai
"MANTUA"	10,862	26th May	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"PADU"	5,707	30th May	Shanghai & Kobe
"KARNATA"	9,089	11th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"DELTA"	8,097	11th June	Shanghai and Kobe
"RANPURA"	10,858	18th June	Moji, Kobe and Yokohama
"KASHGAR"	8,068	24th June	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MAHEDONIA"	11,069	29th July	Shanghai only
"KALYAN"	9,141	8th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MALWA"	10,841	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"KASHGAR"	8,068	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe
"MOREA"	10,918	18th Sept.	Shanghai, Moji and Kobe

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General Primo de Rivera, the Spanish dictator, who recently has escaped assassination by a narrow margin several times. Seven bombs were hurled at him at Barcelona. It will be recalled.

FROM MARSEILLES.	FROM ANTWERP.	FROM HAMBURG.	FROM COPENHAGEN.
Apr. 13.-M.M. Amos.	Apr. 13.-M.M. Amos.	Apr. 13.-M.M. Amos.	Apr. 13.-M.M. Amos.
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MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The E. & A. s.s. "St. Albans" left Manila for this port on April 6 at daylight with the outward Australian Mail, and is due here to-day.
The B. L. s.s. "Benlomond" from Middlesbrough, Antwerp, London and Straits is to arrive here tomorrow.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Australia" arrived at Woonung on April 6 at 5.30 p.m. left Woonung yesterday at 2.30 p.m. and is due at Hongkong on April 10.
The "E. L. s.s. 'Tulumba' left Singapore for this port on April 6 at p.m. and is due here on April 10 at p.m.
The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" left Vancouver for Hongkong, via Japan ports and Shanghai, on April 3 and is due here on April 21.
The s.s. "Sumatra" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Dunkirk on March 16 and is due here on or about April 23.
The s.s. "Ceylon" (Swedish East Asiatic Co., Ltd.) left Antwerp on April 4 and is due here on or about May 12.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICE.

Goods arrived by s.s. "Kathlamet" remaining undelivered after April 12, will be subject to rent. Agents—The Bank Line Ltd.

ON A BEER.

THE GRAVE OF GERMAN MONARCHY.

Berlin, March 11.
The Minister of the Interior, Dr. Kuetz, caused a storm to-day in the Reichstag, when replying to taunts by extreme Nationalists on his conversion from Monarchism to Republicanism, when he was shown his old address, delivered as Burgomaster of Dresden, on the occasion of the ex-Kaiser's birthday, Dr. Kuetz said the Kaiser had severed his tie with the Germans when he flew to Holland. History would seek the grave of the monarchy on the road to Holland. He compared his flight with the action of Frederick the Great, who, in the battle of Torgau, fought from morning till evening beset with mud and blood, shoulder to shoulder with his Grenadiers, and saved the monarchy. As far as he (Dr. Kuetz) was concerned, the monarchy was lying on a bed of nails. He was loudly cheered by the Republicans, while the German Nationalists shouted "Shame!" "Times of Ceylon."

A negro was charged with stealing chickens. "Have you any witness you wish to call?" asked the judge.
Sambo threw out his chest proudly. "Dis nigger," he said, "nebuh steals chickens in front of witnesses."

Various reasons have combined to stimulate discussion on the possibility of building more ships, prominent among them being the new low record established in the last returns of Lloyd's Register, and the inquiry that is being held into the situation of the shipbuilding industry. Shipowners are, of course, most strongly opposed to any scheme of subsidy to help the shipbuilding industry, as they consider that the surplus of ships in existence in the world above the normal needs of overseas traffic must be liquidated before new ships can be constructed in any numbers.

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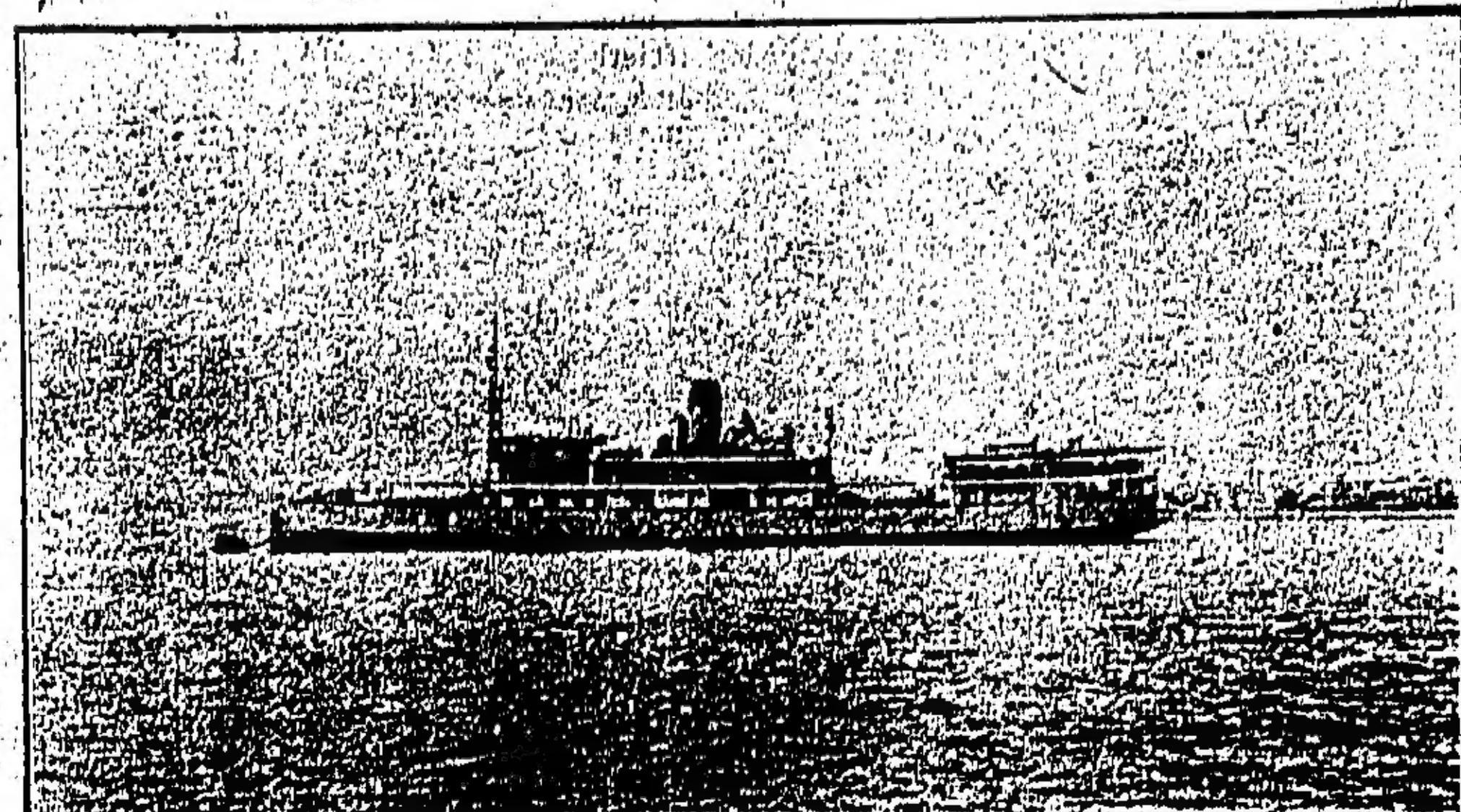
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BIRTHS.

FITZGERALD.—On March 19,
1926, at the General Hospital,
Singapore, to Leonora, wife of
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(Dublin), A.M.C.E., of the
P.M.S. Railways, Pahang, a
daughter.

HOLLAND.—On March 30, 1926,
at Batu Gajah, to Mr. and Mrs.
P. H. Holland, Kuala Pilah, a
son.

THOMSEN.—On March 30, 1926,
to Mr. and Mrs. H. Thomsen,
Ulu Sawah Estate, a daughter.

Hongkong, Thursday, April 8, 1926.

TO PREVENT RABIES.

On Friday the muzzling order comes into force with a view to preventing the spread of rabies and the risks of hydrophobia. Since the first cases of both diseases became known there has naturally been a little anxiety on the part of owners of dogs for the safety of their pets. As there are, however, many more dogless persons than there are owners of dogs the discussion on the merits and demerits of the shooting of straying dogs has been rather one-sided. A dog cannot exactly be classed as a necessity. Even the faithful watch dog can be doped by potential thieves.

In the anxiety of owners of dogs to protect their animals from a sudden end there has perhaps been a tendency to ignore the other side of the picture—the grave risk to the inhabitants of being bitten by a rabies-infected animal and contracting hydrophobia. The general community has a right to demand the fullest form of protection possible, even if it were deemed necessary to shoot every dog in the Colony. Such a drastic step, of course, need not be anticipated. But it would be a thousand times better than running the risk of an epidemic of hydrophobia.

If the inoculation of dogs against rabies can be claimed to be successful, then it is surely the duty of the owners of dogs to ensure that this is done with the

least possible delay. There must be a register of persons whose dogs have been duly licensed. Let these be called upon to produce their dogs for inoculation—at the expense of the Government if need be, for parsimony in a matter of this kind ought not to cloud the issue—and, following a certificate of inoculation, the dog ought to be free of further restrictions. Failure to produce a dog for inoculation, or failure to produce the certificate of inoculation, ought to render the owner liable to surrender both the licence and the animal.

Muzzling, of course, may be expected to do something toward averting the spread of rabies. But it is by no means an ideal method. Dogs need not be treated (as so many are) as children and pampered and petted accordingly; but this does not mean either that they can be dealt with in any of spirit of callousness or cruelty. That is why the indiscriminate shooting of dogs is to be deprecated. How can the shooters know whether the victim of their bullet has or has not been inoculated against rabies? In any case they ought to be able to discriminate against the average type of house dog and the kind that is nothing less than a pariah. If the "owner of the former is guilty of sins of omission why should the dog be made to suffer for them?

The system of lassoing dogs and placing them in a cage has been followed elsewhere, in the East on the occasion of an outbreak of rabies; and there has been no public outcry. In fact there has been a universal desire to help the authorities in every way possible. That spirit could just as easily be invoked here and the menace of both rabies and hydrophobia would speedily disappear.

HONGKONG BRIGHTER.

"Here's a sad town, and God knows when it will be better," writes dear Samuel Pepys of London in the days of long ago. He might have written the same of Hongkong. If we do not subscribe to the dictum that Hongkong is dull, it does not follow that we are satisfied that conditions cannot be improved. They can. It is like flogging dead horses to refer once again to the spectacle of the Colony's museum and library, and the absence, among other things, of band performances. Here, at the gateway to China, it is conceivable to imagine a library stocked with books that matter, and a museum that contains specimens of the wonderful things to be found in the Far East. Unhappily we are forced to fall back upon imagination. And if these two things are evidence of the Colony's imagination, some day—when an

Ordinance is introduced compelling our wealthy ones to leave a portion of the things they have acquired so readily in this place, the nucleus will be provided for a stately building to house books and specimens, and to pay for the services of a Librarian and Curator. Then we shall have that Aquarium occasionally mentioned, and an endowment big enough to cover the deficit on maintaining a city band. And when holidays come along, these buildings will not be closed, but will be open to those who may have "nowhere to go"—or what perhaps is more true not the wherewithal to go further afield. The band will discourse the "sweet sounds" which are capable of instilling a sense of brightness. All these are simple matters. The absence of them would seem to denote an absence of the communal spirit. What should be everybody's business is on no-one's; and we grope along, when a little leadership and more public-spirit would drag Hongkong from the spirit of the little village in which it has lain for so long.

WEDDING BELLS.

YESTERDAY'S CATHEDRAL CEREMONY.

LOWCOCK—KOTEWALL.

A pretty wedding took place at St. John's Cathedral yesterday, when the contracting parties were Mr. Henry Lowcock, son of Mr. G. Lowcock of No. 15, Babinington Path, and Miss Mabel Kotewall, daughter of Mr. S. Kotewall, of No. 57, Conduit Road.

The Rev. G. R. Lindsay and the Rev. T. B. Powell officiated.

The bride who was given away by the Hon. Dr. R. H. Kotewall, was charmingly attired in a dress of white crepe with a wide circular flounce of silver lace. The beautiful train was made of the same material, and was also appliqued with silver lace. Her veil of tulle illusion, was finished off with a diadem of pearls and orange blossoms, and she carried a shower bouquet of white roses and lilies.

Miss Mabel Kotewall, the little flower girl, led the way strewn with flowers in the bride's path. Her dress was made of very fine shadow lace, finished off with dainty hand-made flowers. Her hair was similarly trimmed.

Miss Bobby Kotewall, as page-boy in the style of Louis XIV., wore a costume of white roman satin, lined with silver tissue.

Miss Phoebe Kotewall, the maid of honour, was dressed in white georgette, trimmed with silver and pale blue embroidery. Her bandeau and bouquet were made of forget-me-nots.

Misses Doris and Helen Kotewall, the bridesmaids, were dressed in pale pink nylon, trimmed with bands of silver. They also wore bandeaux to match the dresses, of silver and pink tissue, and carried bouquets of pale pink roses and sweet peas.

Mr. George Zimmern was "best man."

Following the ceremony a reception, attended by numerous friends, was held at 57, Conduit Road.

The honeymoon is being spent in Shanghai. The bride's going away dress was of silver grey marocaine lined with pale pink chamois. She wore a grey hat to match the dress.

FATAL SEIZURE.

MR. T. F. CUTHBERTSON'S
SUDDEN DEATH.

IN A RICSHA.

Following a sudden seizure while riding over Cavenagh Bridge in a ricksha on March 26, Mr. T. F. Cuthbertson died in the General Hospital, Singapore, on the following day from the effects of cerebral hemorrhage. Mr. Cuthbertson, who first came to Singapore in the employ of Sir John Jackson, Ltd., the contractors, eighteen years ago, only returned to Singapore from England a few weeks ago. He spent several years of his life out here planting in various parts of the country, but more recently had acted as clerk of works in connection with several public contractors. The coroner commenced an investigation into the circumstances of Mr. Cuthbertson's death, the enquiry being adjourned. — "Singapore Free Press."

FOR HUMANITY.

ROCKEFELLER REVISES OFFER TO EGYPT.

HINTED WITHDRAWAL.

(Reuter's American Service.)

New York, April 7.

The Press publishes a statement by Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., that he has authorised his representative in Egypt to withdraw his offer of \$10,000,000 for an Archaeological Institute, if necessary, in order to end the controversy among the Egyptians as to whether it is acceptable. Meanwhile a revised offer, based on the suggestions of Zivari Pasha, is being forwarded to Egypt.

STORY OF THE OFFER.

A New York message of February 15, stated:—



John D. Rockefeller, Jr.

Mr. John D. Rockefeller, jun., has offered to King Fuad and the Egyptian Nation the sum of \$10,000,000 for the erection and maintenance in Cairo of a great museum and archaeological institute.

This fact has become known through a premature announcement of the gift by Prof. James H. Breasted of the University of Chicago, who at present is in Egypt and who will be chairman of the trustees of the new museum.



King Fuad.

If King Fuad accepts certain conditions for the gift which Mr. Rockefeller desires to impose. The King is said to have been unable to acquiesce in these because of the insistence on the part of extreme Egyptian Nationalists that control be vested in the Egyptian Government.

Mr. Rockefeller, it is asserted, desires an American directorate. The announcement that Professor Breasted's statement was premature was made by a representative of Mr. Rockefeller in New York.

The negotiations have been in progress since last fall. The proposed museum would house the treasures which have been found in Egypt, including those taken from the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen at Luxor and other places in the land of the Pharaohs. One of Mr. Rockefeller's negotiators with King Fuad is now on his way in the United States with a message from the King which possibly may be an acceptance of the gift.

Never Seen in Egypt.

Mr. Rockefeller has never been in Egypt, but in recent years he has been interested in the excavation in that country. He is said to have followed with avidity the excavation of the tomb of Tut-ankh-Amen and to have recognized, because of the public interest in the subject, a new educational value in archaeology. During the past five or six years he has made large gifts for archaeological research in Greece, Egypt, Palestine and other places on the Mediterranean.

Mr. Rockefeller's wife is an enthusiast on Egyptian art objects and is said to be an expert on styles and periods of Egyptian workmanship. Some of her Egyptian bronzes were recently used by the Metropolitan Museum of Art here in demonstrating a new process for restoring corroded bronzes. Formerly Mr. Rockefeller's

OIL BLAZE.

FOUR MILLION BARRELS ON FIRE.

FIFTY TANKS MENACED.

(Reuter's American Service.)

San Luis Obispo (Cal.), April 7.

The largest fire in the history of the oil industry here has involved four tanks belonging to the Union Oil Company and containing nearly four million barrels of oil.

A lightning explosion broke hundreds of windows and shook the whole city. Hundreds of men are frantically constructing dykes to prevent the flames spreading to fifty smaller tanks in the near vicinity.

IN A STORM.

TEN FISHING BOATS CAPSIZE.

(Reuter's Service.)

Tokyo, April 7.

According to despatches from Hokkaido, ten fishing boats after a hard fight against a storm capsized off Muroran yesterday, resulting in more than 80 people being missing.

The local Reservists and police are carrying out a search for bodies.

BELGIAN FLIGHT.

MEDITERRANEAN WIND, HAIL AND FOG.

(Reuter's Service.)

Brussels, April 7.

The Belgian airmen who have arrived at Athens from Cairo took 9½ hours to cross the Mediterranean. High wind, hail and fog conditions over Crete were so bad that they had to make a detour.

theory of giving from one of the world's greatest fortunes was that of producing the greatest direct benefit to mankind. He has now added to this theory the aim of widening the boundary of human knowledge. It was on this understanding, it is said, that he made his recent gift of \$20,000 to finance a fight to the North Pole. This was his first gift either to aviation or polar research.

It is the opinion of archaeologists that, notwithstanding many museums are filled with Egyptian art, only a small portion of that country's story has been told and that the Rockefeller gift will, if it is accepted, go a long way toward bringing to light further marvels.

Professor Breasted.

Professor Breasted is noted as an Egyptologist. He had an active part in the excavations at Luxor and previously successfully explored Egyptian tombs. Recently he began the exploration of the square mile constituting Armageddon. It is reported that Mr. Rockefeller is financing this work, on which active operations will begin shortly.

In making his premature announcement in Cairo, Professor Breasted said the offering of the great sum to King Fuad by Mr. Rockefeller was because Mr. Rockefeller realised that the whole world, especially the New World of the West, owes Egypt a cultural debt.



Prof. J. H. Breasted.

He added that in offering to establish a research institute in conjunction with the new and imposing museum, Mr. Rockefeller felt that facilities would be afforded to scholars to obtain fuller knowledge of the history of civilisation and to all Egyptians desiring to receive the best training as historians.

ALCOHOL DIVERSION.

ITS STAGGERING BOOTLEG VALUE.

DRUG STORES GAIN.

(Reuter's American Service.)

Washington, April 7.

Interest is unabated in the Prohibition enquiry.

The chief witness to-day was Mr. E. R. Buckner, Federal Attorney, New York, who has been considerably in the limelight recently owing to the series of spectacular liquor raids which he organised on numerous hotels and fashionable restaurants.



Mr. Buckner said that the chief difficulty in enforcing Prohibition lay in alcohol diversion, which amounted to \$60,000,000 annually and which, when manufactured into so-called whiskey, reached the staggering bootleg value of \$6 billion dollars.

He testified that drug stores were the chief centres of diversified alcohol. Those in New York City alone were drawing out 48,000,000 gallons annually—a total which was far in excess of the amount which doctors can legally prescribe.

He concluded by stating that only sixteen agents were available to inspect drug stores and doctors' prescriptions.

CONVALESCENT.

PRINCE OF WALES AT SANDWICH.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 7.

H.R.H. the Prince of Wales, acting upon the advice of his doctors, left London to-day to spend the first stage of his convalescence at Sandwich, where he has taken a house for a short period.

PRINCESS VICTORIA.

Progressing Satisfactorily.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7.

The latest bulletin in regard to H.R.H. Princess Victoria states that the progressed satisfactorily during the day.

MILITARY TRAINING.

MANOEUVRES ON SALISBURY PLAIN.

MECHANICALISED UNITS.

(British Wireless Service.)

Rugby, April 7.

In this year's military training on Salisbury Plain special importance will be attached to the manoeuvres, which will be devoted entirely to the employment of mechanicalised units.

It is desired to test thoroughly how far horse transport can be dispensed with, and to discover what is the best type of heavy mechanical transport for general use.

It was recently explained by the Secretary of State for War that the required type of mechanical transport must be suitable both from the military and from commercial viewpoints, so that it could be manufactured in large numbers and cheaply.

Designers are already at work on various types of transport, and these will undergo searching trials when built.

BELGIAN FRANCS.

REMARKABLE RECOVERY IN LONDON.

DEBT SETTLEMENT.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7.

There has been a remarkable improvement in Belgian francs in London, which opened at 120½ and closed at 124½.

This is a sequel to the Belgian Minister of Finance, M. Jansehn, visiting the Treasury, as a result of which all the exterior debts of Belgium and the Belgian Congo to Great Britain have been definitely settled.

CHINA PROVIDENT.

(Continued from Page 1.)

I would like to give you a few words of encouragement before I sit down. Your company has excellent property at West Point and an excellent godown business, which, if properly managed, could, I feel sure, give shareholders an adequate return on their investment and I therefore ask you to give the committee your wholehearted co-operation to the end that we may once more put the company on a sound and paying basis. It will be necessary to ask you to exercise patience and to attend shareholders' meetings which may have to be numerous in order to keep you fully posted as to progress made and I therefore ask you all to take a live interest in the affairs of the company.

I will now read you the proposals on the agenda after which Mr. Shewan will, I believe, address the meeting. Then each resolution will be proposed in turn and when they have been seconded, will be open for your consideration before asking you to vote.

Mr. Shewan then said:—
Gentlemen, — You have heard the statement made by Mr. Weall on behalf of the consulting committee arising out of the investigation they have already carried out based on the information we have supplied them with up-to-date, and as you will appreciate, from that statement, only a preliminary investigation has taken place up to the present. We trust that a complete and thorough inquiry and investigation will show a substantially brighter position than is at present indicated by Mr. Weall's statement.

The general managers desire it to be clearly understood that they welcome the appointment of a special investigating committee, and are only too pleased to place all materials they may require at their disposal, and to give them all information they may desire.

I will now deal with some of the points raised in Mr. Weall's statement.

New Issue of Capital: The general managers always considered that it was their duty to assist shareholders in taking up their shares and were always willing to extend the time if a reasonable excuse were given. They did not consider that they should have endeavoured to make money out of some shareholders for the benefit of other shareholders.

I do not understand the reference to issuing shares to certain shareholders. No shares were issued except to those who were entitled to them.

I know no reason why interest was not charged, but this matter can be gone into by the committee appointed.

I do not think that there was any such loss as \$100,000 in the allotment of these shares. One large shareholder was given a rather longer extension than usual, as he could not get the money without communicating with his wife in England, but this did not occasion any loss at all to the company, as if the general managers had refused to give him this extension, he would simply have sold his rights to the new shares at a profit to himself, and this remark applies to all other shareholders, and the company would not have made the \$100,000 in any case. As a matter of fact, the company now hold the shares which formerly stood in the name of that shareholder, as he failed to pay the final call.

I cannot see that there was any failure in duty in this case by the general managers.

I do not understand the statement that the committee and shareholders were led to believe that the whole of the 400,000 shares had in fact been taken up, as the printed statement of account dated April 18, 1925, shows that there were 396,247 shares on which \$250 had been paid.

At the meeting of April 30, 1924, the chairman did not intend to lead shareholders to believe that the million dollars cash had already been received, but that the company's resources had been strengthened by the increase of capital to that extent as it subsequently for all practical purposes was.

Mortgages: This was a matter for the discretion of the general managers, and they followed the advice of the company's manager, the late Mr. Taylor, who had had many years' experience of property dealings in this Colony.

It will be realised that to get a high rate of interest the margin must be small.

With regard to Tong Hok-ting, Mr. Taylor assured Mr. Shewan that the security was far more than ample for the loan. In fact he stated it was worth something like \$1,000,000.

Subsequent to the dismissal of Mr. Taylor, investigation was made, and it was discovered that although the title deeds had been deposited, no mortgage had been

put through. The title deeds were sent to the company's solicitors, who advised that they were not in order in as much as probate duty had not been paid in respect of the property the subject thereof and we at once communicated with Tong Hok-ting. We have been quite recently (and not two months ago) advised that it is doubtful whether Tong Hok-ting had any right to pledge the securities in question.

Loans on Shares: With regard to the loans made to Messrs. Lammert Bros., the amount outstanding on December 31, 1924, including principal and interest at 9 per cent, was \$397,658.23 against which we held securities valued at that date according to Mr. Harman's report of \$466,604.50, which is a margin of over 20 per cent, which was subsequently reduced to between 14 and 15 per cent, by the return of certain securities against a cash payment made by Messrs. Lammert's.

Two further loans were made to Messrs. Lammert Bros., bearing interest at 10 per cent, viz., \$21,000 on May 26, 1925 and \$96,000 on June 4, 1925, against which we held securities valued at that date at \$60,000.

As regards the loans to Messrs. Shewan, Tomas & Co., we believe that we shall be able to satisfy the committee that they were amply secured at the time they were made, and will be fully repaid.

As regards both the loans to Messrs. Shewan, Tomas & Co., and Messrs. Lammert Bros., these loans would still be amply secured but for last year's unprecedented financial crisis.

With regard to the company's practice in making loans generally, it is well known throughout this Colony that the company has for many years past advanced moneys against shares and for the purpose of successfully competing with Chinese banks and others who were conducting a money lending business, advances had frequently to be made on attractive terms.

Interest on loans is treated in the same way as it has always been treated, viz., by charging compound interest with periodical rests and the shareholders have had the benefit of the system in the past.

The late manager certified to what debts were considered good, and when these were passed by the auditors, the general managers felt satisfied with the position.

The company has always advanced money on promissory notes to private persons to a moderate extent.

General: — Shareholders will appreciate that the excellent godown business referred to by Mr. Weall is representative of the work of your general managers in the past, likewise the acquisition of the valuable properties at West Point, and the general managers agree with the consulting committee that given ordinary and usual commercial conditions, there is no reason why there should not be a speedy recovery of the company's financial position.

In conclusion, gentlemen, you will fully appreciate the extraordinary difficult period through which the company has recently had to pass—a period altogether without precedent in the Colony's annals, and one by which not only this company but every other commercial concern in this Colony has been seriously affected. Your general managers have no doubt whatever that a return to normal commercial conditions will bring with it a speedy recovery of the finances of the company, and I have no hesitation in attributing the present financial position of the company to the recent financial crisis and resultant commercial conditions.

THE RESOLUTIONS.

Mr. Shewan proposed the first resolution, as follows:—

(a) That the Company confirms the measures already taken by the Consulting Committee with reference to the investigations made by them into the financial position of the Company and authorises payment by the Company of auditors' and legal expenses incurred to date in connection therewith.

Rising to second, Mr. L. Dunbar said:—

I have listened to Mr. Weall's speech with interest. I have looked through the statement of the consulting committee's auditors and I do not think that he has exaggerated the losses which the company has suffered.

It will be the duty of the shareholders' representatives to place the blame of these losses where it belongs and to make whatever recovery is possible.

I think Mr. Weall's suggestion that you appoint three of your number to represent you in the further investigation and reorganisation of the business is a sound one. The China Provident can still be made a very prosperous concern if properly handled. I second the resolution.

MR. DA ROZA'S SPEECH.

Mr. C. A. da Roza then spoke, his address meeting with applause now and then. He said:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, — Like Mr. Dunbar and every person at this meeting, I am sure, I have listened with great interest to the speech made by Mr. Weall and also to Mr. Shewan's speech as to the charge made against the general managers, but I confess I would have liked to have heard a little more.

This business of locking the stable door after the disappearance of a horse is a very commendable for we have, fortunately, other valuable horses in the stable, but I see from the speech of Mr. Weall that we are asked to set up a body to sit in judgment only on one person. That I regret to say is impossible inasmuch as the consulting committee as a body is as much to blame as the general managers for this disastrous state of affairs, if what has been said is true, and I must assume such to be the case in view of the responsible position of the parties, the consulting committee must take its full share of the blame. I think the fact has been lost sight of that persons acting as directors assume a position involving duties which cannot be shirked by leaving everything to others, and I need hardly say that in law there is no difference between a director and a person on a consulting committee. The consulting committee, therefore, must accept its full share of blame for its sins of omission to the same degree as the general managers are to be blamed for their sins of commission.

If for one, and there must be many in this room who think with me, will not be a party to any act tending to confuse the issue—neither to any act which may be construed later that we as shareholders exonerate the consulting committee.

It is inconceivable to me how with any control at all this sad state of affairs could have arisen, and it would be of interest to the shareholders to know the degree of control and attention which the members of the consulting committee have given to the company since their election at the last annual meeting. How many times have they met, and how often have they considered the company's position? Irregularities of a more recent date might have been avoided by an effective control as the result of discovery of the earlier irregularities.

Holding these views, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen, I regret I cannot support resolution (b) in the form submitted, and I shall at the proper time submit an amendment enlarging the committee to six shareholders in order to balance the vote of the consulting committee which, I believe, now consists of five members, and I shall also have to propose another amendment in connection with resolution (c).

If I am in order, Mr. Chairman, I would like to ask whether any of these alleged irregularities took place before December 31, 1924—I notice the accounts for that year were certified without any reservation, but Mr. Weall has just told us that debtors for storage are in many cases very old accounts.

Mr. Shewan suggested to Mr. da Roza that the questions in his speech should be put through the committee (to be elected), when such would be answered.

Resolution (a) was then carried. Mr. T. G. Weall, then proposed resolution (b), and Mr. W. J. Carroll seconded, as follows:—

(b) That three shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee in

completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

Mr. C. A. da Roza proposed an amendment which made the resolution read:—

(b) That six shareholders to be nominated at this present meeting be appointed to act with the Consulting Committee as a Committee of Investigation in completing the investigations of the Company's financial affairs and to report to the shareholders the result of such investigations when completed.

Mr. J. M. Alves seconded the amendment. Mr. Wong then volunteered to interpret the amendment for the benefit of Chinese shareholders who did not understand English and was requested to do so.

On being put to the meeting, the amended resolution was carried unanimously (applause). Mr. Weall also voted for the amendment.

Mr. Shewan proposed resolution (c), and Mr. Weall seconded, as follows:—

(c) That the Consulting Committee be authorised to employ auditors and lawyers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company. Mr. W. J. Carroll proposed, and Mr. N. V. H. Croucher seconded, an amendment which made the resolution read:—

(c) That such Committee of Investigation be authorised to employ auditors, lawyers, architects and any other experts and advisers in connection with such further investigations of the Company's financial affairs and that the costs and expenses incurred thereby be borne and paid by the Company.

This amended resolution was also carried unanimously.

Mr. Shewan proposed, and Mr. Weall seconded, resolution (d) as follows:—

(d) That a qualified accountant be employed by the Company to assist and advise the present staff of the Company.

This was also carried unanimously.

Mr. Croucher's Questions.
Mr. N. V. H. Croucher then asked the chairman if Mr. Tong Hok-ting was in the Colony. Mr. Shewan replied that he did not know, but thought that he was in Macao.

Mr. Croucher: Why was not he detained when it was known that his securities were not in order? Mr. Shewan: I do not know; a writ was issued.

THOSE ELECTED.

Nominations were then asked for (of shareholders to serve on the committee of investigation).

The names of Mr. L. Dunbar, Mr. A. L. Alves, and Mr. Wong Toon were proposed by Mr. J. M. Alves.

Mr. W. J. Carroll proposed: Mr. C. A. da Roza.

Mr. Wong proposed Mr. N. V. H. Croucher, and Mr. A. Alves proposed Mr. J. M. Alves.

All six names were seconded by Mr. T. G. Weall, and approved unanimously.

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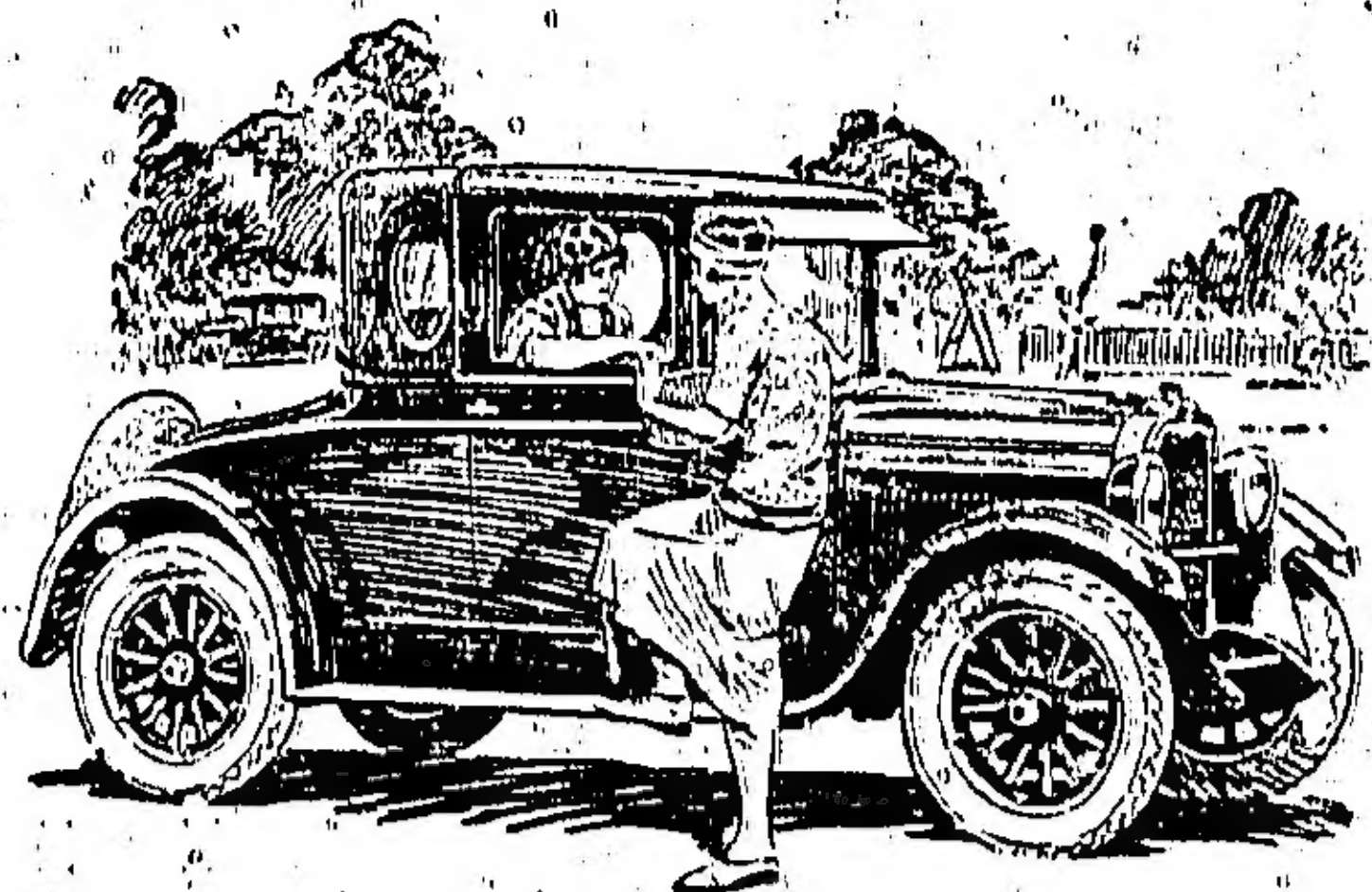
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LOCAL AND GENERAL

The committee of the Hongkong Chinese General Chamber of Commerce meets to-morrow at 2.30 p.m.

The annual meeting of shareholders of Messrs. Gande, Price & Co. will be held in the company's office on Friday, April 16.

The Singapore branch of the Royal Society of St. George's are holding their first festival dinner and dance at the Europe Hotel on St. George's Day, Friday, April 23.

There has been an increased demand for Singapore currency and the note issue has expanded from \$85,500,000 on 1st January, 1925 to \$161,000,000 on 1st January 1926.

The new General Hospital at Selegie, Singapore, was formally opened by H.E. the Governor (Sir Lawrence Guillemard) on March 29 in the presence of a large and representative gathering.

A national census disclosed that there are 17 Imperial families in Japan with a total of 65 members. Of these 34 are princes and 31 princesses. These figures do not include four members of the royal family who were abroad.

A monument to Col. Henry B. McCoy, who first raised the American flag on Philippine soil, has been offered to the city of Manila for erection on the site of the 58th landing of the American army.

"The Englishman" understands that an interesting discovery has been made by Sir Jagadis Bose on the heartbeat of plants which casts a flood of light on the action of the venom on the animal heart.

Mr. San Ah Wing's tender for nearly \$200,000 for the purchase of Bukit Chok estate, situated at Sungai Chok, Ulu Selangor, belonging to the Estate of Late Yew, has been accepted. The price works out at \$825 per acre of eight to nine year old trees, and \$25 per acre for the unplanted area.

At the annual general meeting of the Singapore Chamber of Commerce Rubber Association, the following were duly elected to act on the Committee of the Association for the ensuing year:—R. J. Oboit, A. T. Hancock, F. A. Teale, G. M. Brown, K. Bon, E. C. H. Charlwood, G. R. Anderson, E. A. Gibson, W. T. Houghton, A. P. Cameron.

"The Samatra Maru," a Japanese steamer bound for Singapore, had to put into Cebu on March 23, as some of her holds where the cargo was stowed were on fire.

Mr. N. L. Linder of the S. S. Police and Mr. W. L. Kindlich of the Central Engine Works, Singapore, have been authorised to file specification of an invention for "trap wings."

Probably the largest gathering that has ever watched a game of cricket in Ceylon was seen on the C.C.C. ground on March 24, when the match between the Australian Test team and an All-Ceylon eleven began.

An extensive road building program for Cullion, Upper Ceylon, involving expenditure of 278,000 has been recommended by Dr. S. S. Chetty, Cullion, Ceylon, chief through the director of the P. & C. health service.

The Spencer Efficiency Cup, presented by Col. Spencer, the former Commandant of the S.S. Volunteer Force, to the most efficient unit of the force has been awarded for 1925 to the Singapore Royal Engineers unit.

At a meeting of the Klang Sanitary Board, held on February 10, the unofficial members wished their opinion to be recorded that it is practically a waste of their time to attend meetings at which resolutions are passed to carry out works which cannot be carried out for want of staff.

Home papers contain a report of a burglary at "The Beeches," Egham, the residence of Captain and Mrs. H. A. Vine. Mrs. Vine was formerly the wife of the late Sir G. P. Jordan, of Hongkong, and her present husband was formerly a Captain in the P. & O. service, for some years in command of the "Maedonia." Jewellery was stolen to the value of £3,000.

For having unlawfully in his possession a three-cornered dagger, cells of wire and a rope, a Chinese was sentenced to three years' hard labour at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday. Another Chinese was sentenced to four years' imprisonment with hard labour for possession of a revolver and eleven rounds of ammunition. Both of the defendants were arrested by the police in a tea house.

A pair of silver Queen Anne snuffers and stand realised £123 12s. at Messrs. Christie's.

The income and expenditure for the year of the Singapore Golf Club shows a surplus of \$10,972.44, as against \$1,714.61 in the previous year.

A proposal at Leeds Education Committee to increase the salaries of four headmasters, the lowest of whose salaries is £655, was referred back.

Quoting from Proverbs, Judge Clier, at Whitechapel County Court reminded a Hebrew teacher—sued as guarantor by a money-lender—that he who is security for a friend shall smart for it.

Providing his example is followed by others, Mr. A. E. Bell, a master at Eton, is willing to give one-tenth of his salary towards a fund for acquiring slum property in Eton. This offer was made at a public meeting when a unanimous resolution was carried for the council to proceed with a housing scheme.

Of the typewriters in use in Government offices approximately 24,700 are of foreign manufacture. Nearly all were purchased during the war, when no satisfactory British machine was available. Since then requirements have been met almost entirely from surplus, and will continue to be so met for the next few years.

Dr. Millar, applying to the trustees of Bull Charterhouse for an increase of salary, said old people required a great deal of medicine. The only way he could economise was by excluding certain ingredients from the medicines used to make them palatable. The trustees decided against this economy, and granted a salary increase on condition that palatable medicines must be provided.

After the funeral of Mr. Isidore Garot, of Lodz, in Brittany, his children searched in vain for the money it was known he had saved up. It must, they thought, have been somehow buried with him. They obtained an exhumation order. Now the exhumation has taken place, and the money has been found in the folds of a coat which Old Father Garot had asked to be wrapped round his body. It counted 4,660 francs.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL

Miss H. Youle, Matron, Durian Daun Hospital, Malacca, will shortly be going on long leave.

Mr. E. Cook of the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd. is shortly going on Home leave.

The Duke of York recently paid a visit to Pentonville prison and made a thorough inspection of the place.

It is rumoured that the Prince of Wales may visit Egypt next year. The Prince has a keen desire to go to the Nile country.

It is said that the King and Queen of Spain contemplate a visit to South America, making the journey by aeroplane.

Mr. Winston Churchill figured in a student's rag at Belfast wearing a "Paddy" hat trimmed with green ribbon, with a clay pipe stuck in it.

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Mr. Victor Basil Russakoff, surveyor of the Netherlands Harbour Works, to Miss A. B. Sokoloff, also of the Netherlands Harbour Works.

Mr. O. H. Grove, formerly District Officer, Kuala Pilah, will become Collector of Land Revenue, Seremban, when Mr. E. B. Williams, who is now holding that post, goes on leave shortly.

In a few days Rear-Admiral and Mrs. Thomsen are leaving Siam for good, and Bangkok is sorry to lose them, says the "Bangkok Times." In retiring the Admiral has the satisfaction of having done useful work in the Navy during his 14 years in that service.

It may be taken for granted that the honourable Mr. Ralph Scott will go to Penang as Resident-Councillor when the honourable Mr. W. Peel goes to Kuala Lumpur as Chief Secretary in May. Mr. Scott is an old Penangite and counts many friends there who will be glad to welcome him and Mrs. Scott back to that Settlement.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. K. Stark of Singapore, left for Home last week.

Mr. C. D. Ahern, Deputy Controller of Labour, Penang, proceeded Home on furlough, with Mrs. Ahern, by the P. and O. "Khiva."

The Rt. Hon. Viscount and Lady Lee of Fareham, during their stay in Ceylon, were the guests of H. E. the Governor and Lady Clifford.

The Viceroy and Lady Reading were entertained to a farewell "at home" by the Chelmsford Club, Delhi, on March 23, in the grounds of the historic Metcalfe House.

General Sir Alexander Cobbe, V.C., has been appointed General Officer Commanding-in-Chief, Northern Command, India, in succession to General Sir Claud Jacob.

Mr. Patrick Hadow, the well-known rubber company director, was a passenger from Singapore, Homeward bound by the "Khiva." He will break his journey for a few days in Ceylon.

The engagement is announced of Miss Ruby Campbell, eldest daughter of Mrs. and the late Mr. John Campbell to Mr. E. L. Fonseca, of the Eastern Extension Telegraph Co., Penang.

Mrs. E. E. Wing, Miss Hope Wing and Mrs. P. A. Templeton are sailing together for Europe on the "Derfflinger." They leave Manila on April 7 and will make a round the world journey.

The Mexican General Angel Flores died of pneumonia at Nogales, Arizona, on March 31. He was a candidate for the Mexican presidency in 1924. He has been recently living in exile.

Mr. William Arthur Millar of Harrisons and Crossfield was married to Miss Katherine Allan Gray Caldwell, Nursing Sister, of Jesselton at All Saints' Church, Jesselton on March 10. The Rev. Mr. Synnott officiated.

Mrs. E. Floyd, of Enfield, received telegrams of congratulation from the King and the Bishop of London on her 100th birthday.

If children were definitely punished on that part of the anatomy provided for the purpose there would be less trouble for the police.—Chief Constable of Northampton.

Mr. A. W. Vick of the Chartered Bank is one of the arrivals at Penang from Home by the "Morea." Mr. and Mrs. H. J. Fougere arrived from Home by the "Haruna Maru."

The Empress of Japan who aids numerous charities throughout Japan, has evolved a plan whereby she hopes to discover the real ideas of her subjects concerning the means of assisting the sick and unfortunate.

A parade of Church Lads' Brigade was instructed to "wear your caps straight at the Prince of Wales' inspection." The Prince and Earl Beatty are the only officers throughout the Empire who are allowed to wear their caps askew. The Prince dislikes being mimicked.

The Countess of Warwick has bought out the rights of her family in Easton Lodge in order to hand it over to the trade unions in its entirety. This transaction has cost her over £200,000. During her lifetime the park, with its magnificent timber, its herd of deer and flocks of black Caucasian sheep is to remain as it is today. Lady Warwick will not have a single tree cut down. She herself is still to live at the Lodge.

Who is the mystery man who is giving away money to poor people in Buxton-street, Stepney? In one day he gave away at least £100 in Treasury and Bank of England notes. Nobody knows his name, his business, or where he lives. "My name is my pocket," he says with a laugh, and hands out more money. He has established a sort of letter bureau in Buxton-street, where poor people may write to him as "The Man Who Gives Away money."

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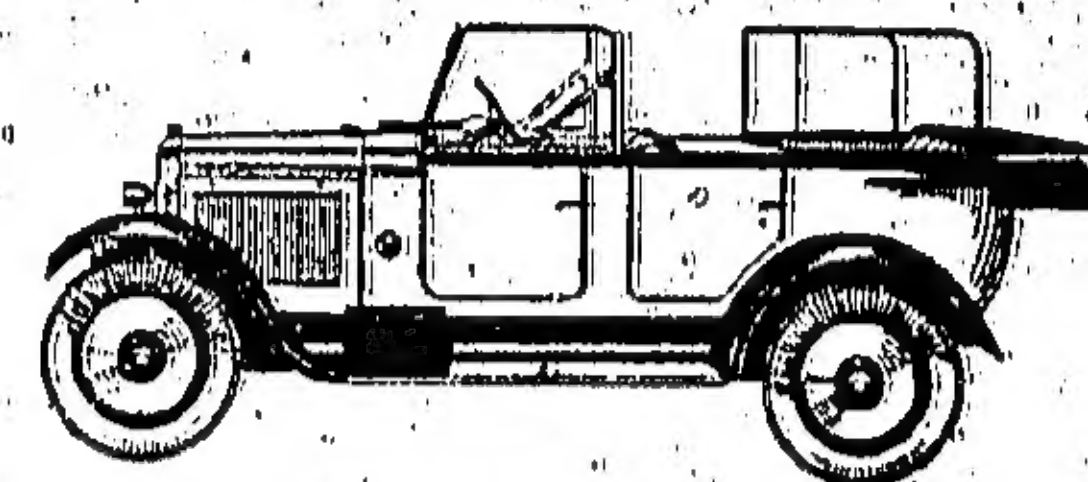
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"CHINA MAIL" SPORTS PAGE

SPORT A BUSINESS?

SACRED HOLIDAYS AND SUNDAYS.

"PROFIT" IN RACING.

A correspondent of the "China Mail," writing on steeplechases, said:—

There are no large money prizes to be gained to pay stable bills. . . . the ponies are run purely in the interest of the public and their sporting and hunting owners.

Previously the question of sport on Sundays had been mentioned in point.

"A Racing Enthusiast" says in the "Shanghai Sunday Times":—

"Now that the racing season is in full swing the race-going public are again taking great interest in all matters pertaining thereto. Some people have been writing to the papers in regard to the question of racing at Kiangwan on Good Friday and appear thoroughly to disapprove of it, but as a contemporary has pointed out the club at Kiangwan is not a European club so that the case is not the same as if it were at the Shanghai course. Another writer has questioned the propriety of foreign jockeys riding on that day. I would ask why this gentleman does not write to request all golf clubs to refuse to allow play on Good Friday or on Sundays. Is the sport of riding in races in a different category from any other sport?"

In an article which appeared in a contemporary a statement was made which can hardly be allowed to pass without comment, for it is misleading and moreover detrimental to the sport. The remark referred to is that racing is "largely a money-making business." I should like to know who makes money racing. The clubs do, but who else?

Public Or Owner.

The public may see some first class ponies winning large amounts in stakes and may say that the pony is making a good thing for its fortunate owner, but the public does not stop to think that that same owner has probably had many other ponies which have been too bad to start or, worse still, have started and never been noticed, so that the good one is merely paying for the innumerable failures. So much for the owner.

Now the race-going public—do they make money? The clubs deduct ten per cent. of all money laid out, so that it is an incontestable fact that the public lose ten per cent. of their outlay. They are content to do so, for all forms of sport cost something and they willingly pay for their "amusement."

Thrills Not Profit.

A great portion of the people back a pony more for the thrill of seeing their pony win than for the possible gain that they may get. We're money the chief consideration one would find the greater enthusiasm displayed when some outstanding pony such as Warrenfield wins, for being such a racing favourite the great proportion of the public has gained a small sum, but instead the enthusiasm is shown when some more or less outsider has won by a narrow margin after a real, hard fought race. This proves that a good close finish with ponies and jockeys doing their utmost to win is the race that gives the greatest pleasure to the public, in spite of the fact that the majority have lost money. Where, then, is racing "largely a money making business."

No, the only real winner is the club and what do they do with their surplus after paying expenses? They give it to charities which would otherwise be deprived of some very substantial contributions.

It would, therefore, appear that racing provides a healthy exercise for those who ride, an interesting hobby for those who own, an outdoor (and therefore healthy) pastime for race-goers, and by providing contributions to charities, is a help to those in need.

VOLUNTEER CRICKET.

The following will represent the Volunteers against Mr. A. A. Rumjahn's XI at 11 a.m. at the University ground this Sunday (bus leaves H.K.C.C. pavilion at 10.45 a.m. sharp):—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. V. Parker, J. C. Lyall, A. W. Ramsey, E. C. Fletcher, H. C. Burgess, F. E. Lawrence, S. Jax, C. D. Wales, H. E. Standage, and G. R. Vallack.

HOME FOOTBALL.

BOLTON WANDERERS BEAT SUNDERLAND.

FIRST LEAGUE MATCH.

(Reuter's Service.)

London, April 7. In the First Division of the English League Bolton Wanderers, playing at Bolton, defeated Sunderland by three goals to two.

REVISED TABLE.

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Huddersfield	38	21	11	6	84	52	53
Arsenal	37	20	7	10	78	57	47
Sunderland	37	19	6	12	78	67	41
Aston Villa	38	15	6	14	75	75	40
Bury	37	17	6	14	75	75	40
Sheffield U.	37	16	7	14	87	74	39
Bolton W.	35	15	8	13	69	67	38
Everton	39	10	18	11	67	69	38
Leicester	40	14	10	16	68	73	38
Liverpool	38	12	13	13	62	58	37
Tottenham	38	14	9	15	61	70	37
Cardiff City	37	15	6	16	54	67	36
Blackburn	39	13	10	16	79	76	34
Manchester U.	35	15	6	14	52	58	36
Newcastle U.	37	13	10	14	71	65	35
West Ham	38	14	7	17	61	71	35
Birmingham	37	14	7	16	62	70	35
Leeds U.	38	13	7	18	59	70	33
Notts County	38	12	7	19	47	61	31
Brentley	37	10	9	18	69	98	30
Sheff. Wed.	38	9	11	18	78	92	29

SOCCER MATCH.

SOUTH CHINA DEFEATS PORTUGAL.

"INTERPORT" FESTIVAL.

By their superior combination, South China merited their victory (by the odd goal in three) on the Club ground yesterday, in their match against the combined Portuguese (Hongkong and Shanghai Interport) team.

Happy Valley was crowded for this match, the majority of spectators being Chinese. The teams were:—

Portugal:—Allanson; H. Favacho; Ogley; C. Remedios; A. A. Remedios; C. Favacho; B. Favacho; Fuertes; Marcel; Rocha; Brown.

South China:—Lau Hing-chung; Lau Yuk-tak, Chan So; Lo Wai-man, Lam Yuk-ying, Choi Ping-fan, Ko Sik-wai, Ip Kau, Leung Wing-tak, Suen Kum-shun, Chan Kwong-lu.

With the Portuguese forwards not in form, Lam Yuk-ying had a field day in the pivotal position.

Shortly before the breather, South China scored twice. Chan Kwong-lu passed to Suen who got the first, and Suen gave to Leung Wing-tak who found the mark (for the second) with his left foot.

After the interval, Fuertes breasted in for the combined team's solitary point. The Portuguese changed their team about for the second half, Ogley being prominent in a number of raids on Chinese territory.

"Best Team."

For the match v. the Rest of the Colony, the best Portuguese team chosen (with Gosano a casualty) for to-morrow is:—

Allanson (S); H. Favacho (S), P. M. Xavier (H); H. Collaco (S), A. A. Remedios (H), C. F. Remedios (H); A. Fuertes (H), R. Favacho (S); L. Marcel (S); L. Rocha (H); A. Gutierrez (H).

HOLIDAY GOLF.

FANLING COMPETITION RESULTS.

The Royal Hongkong Golf Club competitions at Fanling during the Easter holidays resulted:—

Special Medal Round: 33 entries. A. B. Raworth (84—11 = 73) won first prize. A. Leach (88—11 = 77) won second prize. F. J. de Rome (86—8 = 78) and W. L. Plew (91—13 = 78) were next.

Captain's Cup: 31 entries. A. B. Raworth qualifies with 85—11 = 74.

Running Bogey Pool: 74 entries. A. H. Ferguson (4), and G. E. Layton (14) divide pool with 2 up each. L. R. Andrews (8) returned 1 down twice; W. L. Plew (13) and A. Leach (11) each returned 2 down.

Mixed Bogey Foursomes: 10 pairs entered. Miss Dyer and Commander Thackeray won with a score of 4 down.

Shanghai Foursomes, cancelled.

SOCCER SHIELD FINAL.

The following teams have been selected to represent Kowloon F.C. v. Surrey in the (Soccer) Shield Final on Saturday, on the 10.45 a.m. sharp:—E. J. R. Mitchell (capt.), H. V. Parker, J. C. Lyall, A. W. Ramsey, E. C. Fletcher, H. C. Burgess, F. E. Lawrence, S. Jax, C. D. Wales, H. E. Standage, and G. R. Vallack.

ENTERPRISE WINS.

H.K.C.C. OPEN DOUBLES SURPRISE.

TENNIS TOURNAMENT.

Because they were prone to hit hard at every opportunity—even when the game was going against them—and because they displayed the greater enterprise, the Fincher brothers fully deserved their victory yesterday in the open doubles of the H.K.C.C. tennis tournament.

In defeating that formidable Chinese pair, Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun, the Finchers pulled the match out of the fire after being two sets down. While the elder (E.F.) smashed in deadly form at the net, he also poached a good deal but his younger brother always backed him up to such an extent that there never was a collision. E.C.'s first service was powerful when it got over. The second was little more than a pat but the Chinese seldom tried to hit it back hard. As a result the Finchers were the aggressors in the latter stages.

In the fifth set, the winners led 5-1, but the score went to 5 all before the Finchers ran out at 7-5.

Results follow:—

Open Singles (2nd round):—S. A. Rumjahn beat R. M. Henderson 6-3, 6-4, 6-4.

Open Doubles (1st round):—E. F. Fincher and E. C. Fincher beat Ho Ka-lau and Yew Man-tsun 4-6, 1-6, 6-4, 6-3, 7-5.

Club Singles (2nd round by):—G. W. Sewell beat E. Grimble 6-4, 7-5, 6-8, 7-5.

Handicap Singles "A" (1st round):—Dr. D. J. Valentine (rec. 1/5) beat J. A. Summers (scr.) 6-2, 6-3. (2nd round):—Col. C. Russell Brown (owe 10-3) beat H. J. Armstrong (scr.) 10-8, 8-3. L. Torstar (owe 15) beat Major C. Willson (owe 2/6) 6-3, 6-2.

Handicap Singles "B" (2nd round):—E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/6) beat G. van Edmond (scr.) 11-9, 8-6.

Handicap Doubles (1st round):—L. Forster and Prof. R. E. Tottenham (owe 30) walk-over from S. M. Gurnard and L. P. Ralph (scr.) (2nd round, bye):—T. J. and E. R. Price (rec. 2/6) w.o. from A. Buys and V. Rose (rec. 4/6).

To-day's Fixtures.

Open Singles (2nd round):—J. A. Cassumbury v. E. C. Fincher; K. Mavartari v. H. R. Conway.

Open Doubles (3rd round):—Major W. W. Pratt and Major W. E. Stevenson v. E. de Souza and T. Ribeiro.

Handicap Singles "B" (1st round):—R. O. Sutherland (scr.) v. V. Rose (rec. 15) T. J. Price (scr.) v. W. L. Dunbar (scr.) (2nd round):—A. K. Mackenzie (owe 5/6) v. P. W. Greene (rec. 3/6).

Handicap Doubles (1st round):—E. Grimble and R. Hancock (owe 15-2) v. I. Newton and E. B. Broome (owe 15). (3rd round):—W. E. Cornaby and A. Piercy (owe 2/6) v. G. W. Sewell and E. J. R. Mitchell (owe 5/6).

Mixed Doubles (1st round):—H. W. Fitzroy Williams and Mrs. Williams (rec. 4/6) v. H. Owen Hughes and Miss Chapple (owe 4/6).

"FLYWEIGHT" BOXING.

(Associated Press.)

Los Angeles, April 1.

Fidel La Barba, flyweight boxing champion, scored a decision over Clever Sencio of Manila last night in a ten-round bout.

The title was not at stake as the fighters were both over the flyweight limit.

La Barba's victory was decisive. He was on the aggressive during the entire bout and seemed to hit the Filipino boy at will.

Newspaper men at the ringside gave Sencio only one round, the champion was credited with seven rounds, while two rounds were even.

BILLIARDS.

TO-DAY'S EXHIBITION GAME.

An exhibition game of billiards between Mr. George Gray of Australia and Mr. W. Brown (member), will be given in the Engineers' Institution to-day at 5.45 p.m.

CRICKET.

AUSTRALIAN ELEVEN AT NAPLES.

(Reuter's Service.)

Naples, April 7.

The Australian cricketers have arrived here.

K.B.G.C. MEETING.

LIMITED LIABILITY CO. TO BE FORMED.

THE 1926 OFFICIALS.

Mr. P. T. Farrell, presiding at yesterday's annual general meeting of the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, moved the adoption of the report and accounts (seconded by Mr. J. S. McIntosh and carried unanimously).

Points mentioned by him were:—deficit of \$458.26 turned into a balance of \$915.89; \$2,000 had been spent out of current account on repairs and renewals, and over \$100 on architect's fees; 42 new members; increased interest in tennis and bowls.

Honorary of \$200 to the secretary and treasurer for the coming year—proposed by Mr. C. Bond, seconded by Mr. D. Hazel.

New officials elected were:—President, Mr. J. S. McIntosh; vice-president, Mr. C. Bond; hon. secretary, Mr. W. M. Johnston; hon. treasurer, Mr. R. Lapsley; general committee, Messrs. W. Russell, L. Guy, D. Gow, D. Hazel, G. Duncan, A. R. Whitley and H. Nish; balloting committee, Messrs. C. Nash, J. Fraser, J. C. McLaggan, S. Gray, J. B. Hamilton, and the Rev. J. Koraee Johnson.

Mr. David Harvey, who has been a member for about 25 years, was elected a life member.

The following promised prizes for the season:—Messrs. E. Wyllie, H. Nish, D. Harvey, Capt. B. Branch, L. Guy, W. A. Russell, G. Price, W. A. Russell (tennis), J. Linaker (tennis), C. E. Whitley (tennis), M. J. Macfarlane (bowls), P. T. Farrell, A. R. Whitley (Kew Tennis Cup); Rev. J. Koraee Johnson (bowls); J. M. Jack, and W. Russell (Galloway Cup); C. Bond, R. E. Nicholas, and C. Hatt (Canningtown Cup); D. Hazel (Dundee Cup); W. Macintosh (Clyde Cup); Mr. Fraser (Tyneside Cup). It was also decided to open a subscription list.

Mr. E. Wyllie, the retiring hon. secretary, reviewed the work done in connection with the new pavilion.

The strike and boycott had come just after the project had been approved, said Mr. Wyllie, but plans were finally passed. He proposed that the club be formed into a limited liability company (seconded by Mr. D. Gow and carried unanimously), as it was a big club now.

With regard to the 6 per cent. debentures issued to build the pavilion, \$11,500 had been received; \$15,000 was the least required, and they were prepared to go to \$20,000. There were 400 debentures, of which 227 had been taken up, said Mr. Lapsley, and Mr. Wyllie added that out of 200 possible members, 30 had taken debentures.

It was likely that the erection would begin next month.

Mr. Wyllie concluded by making an appeal.

SAME FEES.

KOWLOON GOLF CLUB'S DECISION.

That there was to be no reduction in the subscription (which would be payable half-yearly to save work for the treasurer) because it was desired to spend more money on the course, that a telephone was to be installed in the club-house, were the decisions announced at the annual meeting of the Kowloon Golf Club, held at the Central British School, yesterday, when Mr. E. Cock presided.

Report and accounts: adoption proposed by Mr. K. S. Robertson, seconded by Mr. T. E. Jones, and carried unanimously.

New officials:—President, Mr. E. Cock (re-elected), proposed by Mr. S. J. Jordan; Mr. G. E. Labrum, vice-president; Mr. J. D. Thomson, captain; Mr. W. Alltree, hon. treasurer; Mr. J. O. McLaggan, hon. secretary; Messrs. A. W. Roberts, K. S. Robertson, A. C. Burford, J. W. Trevor and A. Brown, committee.

Popular Beads.

Head trimmings are a feature of many pretty frocks, especially those for evening wear. Thus does Miss 1926 help to demonstrate the real continuity of feminine taste in adornment through all the ages. Beads are the most popular and ancient of all personal ornaments. Probably they were invented by some ape-like ancestor who strung together brightly coloured berries or naturally perforated stones or shells for himself or his lady-love. They are found in the cave dwellings of the earliest men, says Mr. Robert Davidson. In Egypt 10,000 years ago they were in common use, and some specimens of that period, in a variety of shapes, are of such exquisite workmanship that they have difficulty in matching.

"BUFFALOES" MEET.

DINNER AND CONCERT AT INSTITUTE.

TUESDAY'S FUNCTION.

The R.A.G.B. Institute was the scene on Tuesday evening of a dinner and impromptu concert over which Mr. Howells (Vice-Chairman) presided in the absence of Mr. Goldenburg.

The toasts of "Our Order," "The Institute" and "Absent Brethren" were proposed by Messrs. Jeffries, Gibb and Workman and responded to by Capt. Johnson, Mr. Matthews, Capt. Thompson, Mr. Bradburn and Mr. Manwaring.

Tributes were paid to the work for the Order done by various members.

An impromptu concert followed with Mr. L. Anson at the piano, the following rendering items: Capt. Thompson, Messrs. H. E. Steel, R. J. Steele, Manwaring, Leyton, de Carteret, Chisholm, Jeffries and Mitchell.

The following were responsible for the arrangements:—Messrs. Goldenburg, Howells, Gibb (Secretary), Salmon, Woodman, Brown, de Carteret, Jeffries, Selwood, Morlet and Capt. Johnson.

The next Buffalo dinner will be held on the return of the Fleet from the southern cruise.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST CABLE QUOTATION FROM SINGAPORE.

Messrs. Carroli Bros. are in receipt of a cable from Singapore advising them that the price of Rubber is now 88 cents per lb.

The following dividends have also been declared:—Malaka Pindas 8 per cent. Interim, May, 1926. 50 per cent. Final, Radialis 15 per cent. Final.

Appended below are the latest cable quotations.

	Straits.
Allenbys	\$3.35
Alor Gajahs	2.90
Amalgamated Malays	4.85
Ayer Moleks	3.00
Ayer Panas	14.50
Balgownies	4.75
Bassett's	1.55
Brogas	1.75
Bukit Jelutongs	1.35
Bukit Katils	1.40
Changkat Serdangs	9.50
Connamaras	2.65
Glencalles	3.00
Indragiris	10.50
Jeramas	1.75
Jimahs	2.55
Kedahs	4.60
Kempas	10.50
Kuala Sidims	4.55
Lunas	4.40
Malaka Pindas	3.30
Malakoffs	5.00
Mandai Tekongs	.05
Mayfields	15.00
Mentakabs	.70
New Serendabs	4.75
Pajamas	14.75
Pungors	1.45
Sandycrofts	4.50
Scudals	3.30
Sungai Bagans	4.70
Tapahs	3.00
Tambalaks	1.50
Teluk Ansons	15.50
United Malaccas	3.10
Utah Simpans	4.75

LOCAL WILLS.

HERBERT BENT OF CANTON.

Letters of administration of the will of the late Mr. Herbert Bent, of the Mount, Shoreham, near Sevenoaks, Kent, and formerly of Canton, have just been granted in the Hongkong Supreme Court to Mr. J. R. F. Corley, of the Chartered Bank, Hongkong.

The will is dated 14th August, 1911. Deceased died in Kent on August 18th, 1925. He left property in Hongkong valued at \$24,100, and left it wholly to his widow, Mrs. M. Bent, of Worthing, Surrey. Mr. Corley was appointed attorney for Mrs. Bent.

J. E. Gomes, Kowloon.

Mr. J. E. Gomes, of No. 45, Granville Road, Kowloon, formerly an assistant with Messrs. Laprak & Co., who died on February 2, 1926, at the age of 66 years, left property to the value of \$223,800. Probate of the will has been granted to Mr. Gomes, of 45, Granville Road, and J. M. d'Enc, assistant, Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, Ltd. The will is dated June 20, 1923.

He bequeathed his estate to be shared equally amongst his sisters, A. T. M. Gomes d'Enc, C. A. Gomes, M. A. Gomes da Carvalho, and G. M. Gomes.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Wednesday.

LOCAL SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

HONGKONG, APRIL 8, 1926, 10.30 A.M.

Names.	Hongkong Stock Exchange.	Hongkong Shareholders' Association.	Share & Bond Society.
T.T. on London	2/3	2/3	2/3
T.T. on Shanghai	76 3/4	76 3/4	nom.
Hongkong Bank	105 1/2	105 1/2	\$105 1/2
do. London.	\$125 n. (sa)	—	\$125 n.
Chartered Bank	231 1/2 n.	231 1/2 n.	—
Mercantile Bank, A. & C.	230	230	—
do. do.	213 1/2 b.	213 1/2 n.	—
P. & O. Bank	264 n.	26 1/2 n.	—
Bank of East Asia	\$80 b.	\$80 b.	\$80 b.
Marine Insurance.	—	—	—
Canton Insurance	625 b.	620 b.	\$ 620 b.
China Underwriters	1.95 b.	2 b.	2 b.
North China Insurance.	T 145 n.	T 140 n.	—
Union Insurance	28 1/2 b. 285	28 1/2	\$282 b.
Yangtze Insurance	40 n. (sa)	44 1/2 b.	—
Fire Insurance.	—	—	—
China Fire Insurance	170 b.	165 b.	—
H.K. Fire Insurance	550 b. & sa.	550 b.	550 b.
Shipping.	—	—	—
Douglases	28 n.	28 n.	28 n.
Hongkong Steamboats	25 1/2 b.	25 n.	25 n.
H.K. Tugs & Lighters	24 n.	2 1/2 b.	2 1/2 b.
Indo-China (Pref.)	38 n.	30 n.	37 n.
do. (Def.) L/d.	40 n.	—	45 n.
do. () Hk.	—	45 n.	—
Oriental Navigation	250 n.	250 n.	—
Shell Transport	87 1/2 b.	90 1/2 b.	90 1/2 b.
Star Ferries	\$63 b.	64 1/2 n.	\$63 b.
Water-boats	15 n.	15 n.	15 1/2 n.
Refineries.	—	—	—
China Sugars	22 n.	22 b.	21 b.
Malabon Sugars	35 n.	35 n.	50 n.
Mining.	—	—	—
Behnguts	1 1/2 n.	—	—
Kailan Mining Ad.	42 1/2 n.	42 1/2 n.	47 1/2 n.
Langkots (Combined)	23 1/2 n.	T 23 b.	T 23 1/4
do. (Single)	12 1/2 b.	11 b.	—
Shanghai Exploration	5 1/2 b. & sa.	5 n.	—
Shanghai Loan	5 b.	7 n.	—
Raub's	35 b.	34 b.	5 n.
Tromoh Mines	61 1/2 b.	61 1/2 b.	—
Ural Caspians.	8 1/2 n.	—	—
Docks, Wharves Godowns, &c.	—	—	—
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$131 n.	131 n.	\$132 n.
H.K. & W. Docks	60 n.	62 1/2 n.	60 n.
Hongkews	T 165 b.	—	160 n.
New Engineerings	5 1/2 b.	T 5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 n.
Shanghai Docks	106 b.	105 b.	106 n.
Lands, Hotels & Bldgs.	—	—	—
H.K. & S. Hotels (old).	10 b. & sa.	10.20 b. 10 1/4	10 n.
do. (new).	—	1 1/4 n.	—
Hongkong Lands	67 n.	66 1/2 b.	66 n.
H.K. Realty	6 n.	5 1/2 b.	5 1/2 n.
H.K. Territorial	5 1/2 n.	6 n.	6 n.
Humphreys Estates	15 b.	15 b.	14 1/2 n.
Princes Building	100 n.	100 n.	—
Rural Lands	7 n.	—	—
Cotton Mills.	—	—	—
Ewo Cottons	11 1/4 b.	T 10 1/4 b.	T 10 n.
Oriental	2 1/2 b.	2.90 b.	3 n.
Shangnal Cottons (old).	55 n.	57 b.	52 n.
do. (new)	28 n.	27 b.	26 n.
Miscellaneous.	—	—	—
Canton Ices	3 1/2 n.	17 s.	\$ 7
Cements (comb.)	16 1/2 n.	\$ 6 b.	16 n.
do. (old)	13 b.	13 1/4 b.	13 n.
do. (new)	3 b.	2 1/4 b.	—
China Buses	10 s.	—	—
China Lights (comb.)	21 b.	20 1/4 b.	21 n.
do. (old)	15 b.	15 b.	15 n.
do. (new)	11 1/2 s.	12 b.	12 n.
China Prov. (comb.)	—	—	—
do. (old)	7 s.	7 1/2 n.	7 1/2 n.
do. (new).	—	—	—
Dairy Farms	20 n.	19 1/4 b.	19 1/2 n.
Der A Wing (full pd.)	10 n.	6 s.	—
do. (part pd.)	—	—	—
Hongkong Amusements.	1 1/2 b.	1 1/2 b.	—
H.K. Constructions	2 1/4 s.	3 n.	2 n.
Hongkong Electric	64 1/2 s. 63/63	63 b. 64 s.	63 n.
H.K. Developments	25 cts n. 1 1/4 sa	25 cts. b.	25 cts. 25
H.K. Ropes (comb.)	30 s.	—	32 n.
do. (old)	10 1/4 n.	10 1/4 n.	11 n.
do. (new)	5 1/4 n.	5 1/2 n.	6 n.
Hongkong Tramways	25 sa.	25 n.	25 n.
Lane, Crawfords	12 1/2 sa.	12 b.	12 n.
Macao Electric	40 n.	—	—
Macintosh	21 1/2 n.	—	—
Nanyang Tobaccos	—	13 b.	—
Peak Trams (old)	17 1/2 b.	17 b.	17 n.
do. (new)	7 1/2 b.	8 n.	8 n.
Sinceres	81 n.	10 b.	11 n.
Singapore Trams	8 s.	8 n.	—
Taxis	4 s.	3 b.	2 1/4 n.
United Asbestos	20 n.	—	—
(Founders)	—	600 n.	—
do. (Ordinary)	—	18 n.	—
Watsons (old)	12 b.	12 b. 12 1/2 sa.	12 n.
do. (new)	—	—	—
Wm. Powells	10 n.	9 1/2 n.	10 n.
H.K. Telephone	—	—	3 1/2 n.



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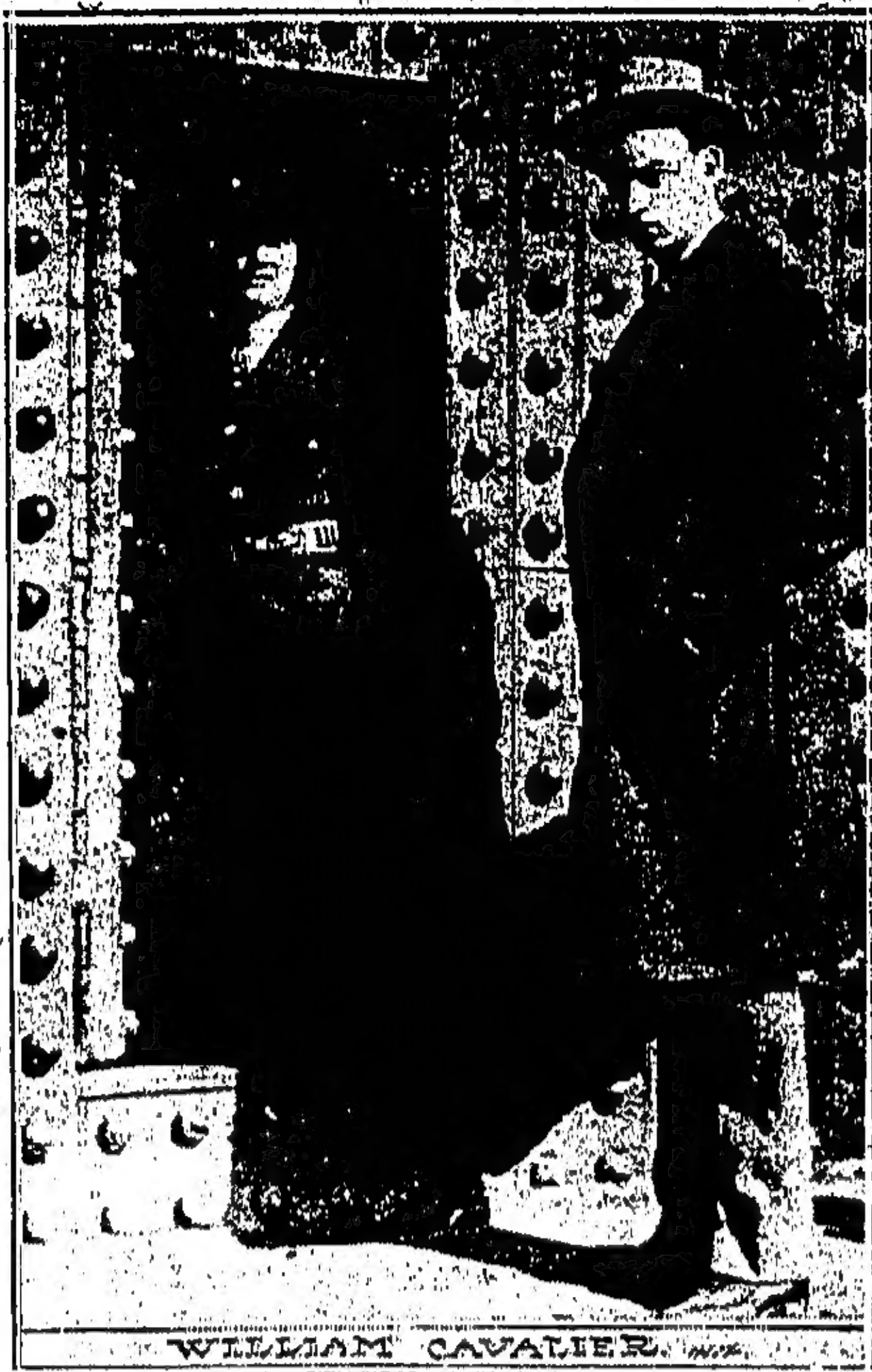
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People and Events in the News of the World



WILLIAM CAVALIER, 17.

William Cavalier, 17, is shown entering Eastern Penitentiary, Philadelphia, where he will spend the rest of his life. His sentence to the electric chair for the murder of his grandmother was commuted to life imprisonment because of his age.



HARVEY HAYER

Harvey Haver, New Comerstown, Ohio, was charged with having strangled his wife and thrown her body into a well because she refused to cook supper for him.



MAJOR FRANCIS MEREDITH

Dried mushrooms, with copper bullets containing a powerful explosive inserted in their stems, have been received from Russia by a Worcester, Mass., importer. A death plot is believed to have been discovered by the discovery. Major Francis Meredith, director of standards in the U.S. Department of Labour and Industries, is shown examining the deadly mushrooms.



MRS. ERNEST WHITMAN

One of the most interested spectators at the trial of Stanley Kivana at Mincho, L.I., charged with murder of Ernest L. Whitman, a bond salesman, in a bank robbery, was the salesman's widow. She wanted all the bandits to get the death penalty.



NIAGARA FROZEN

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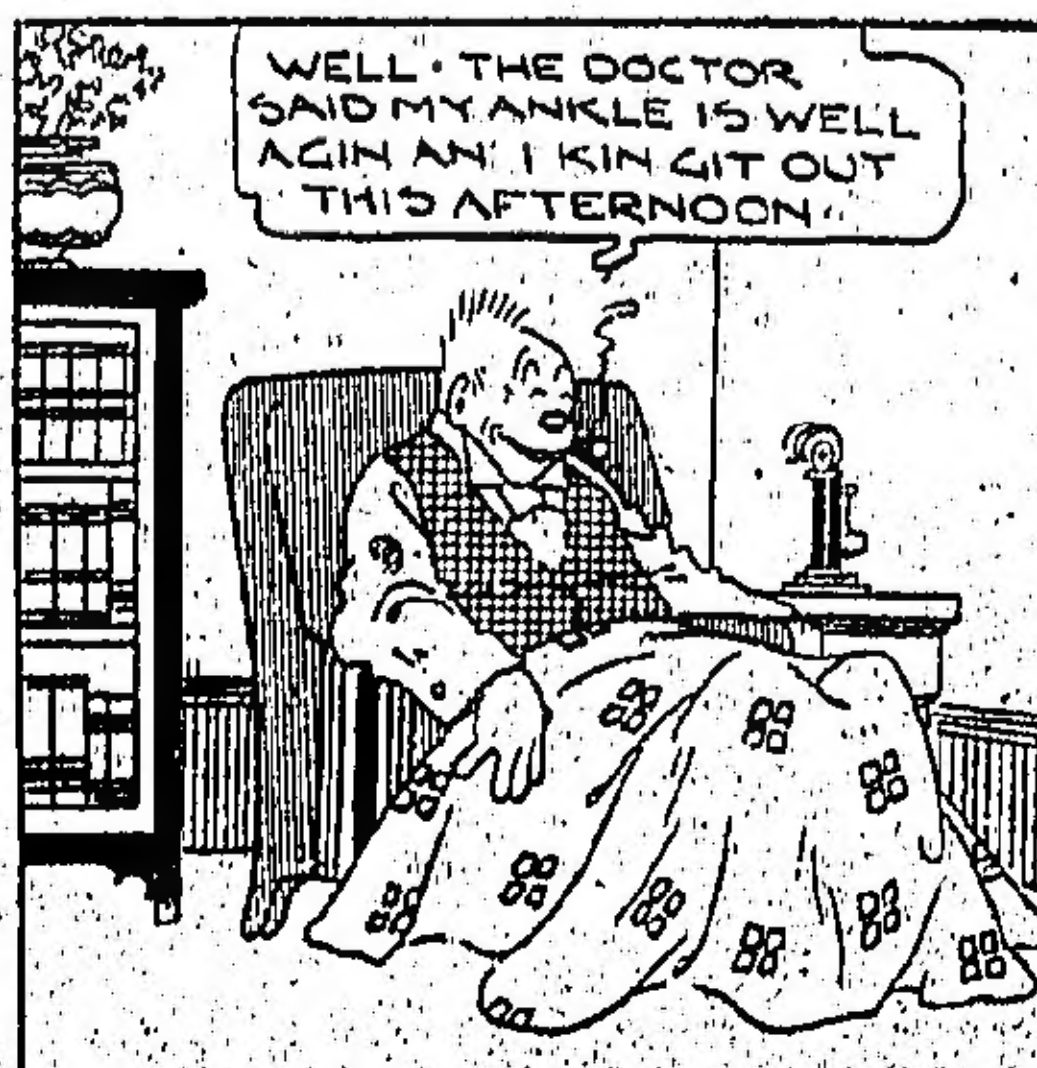
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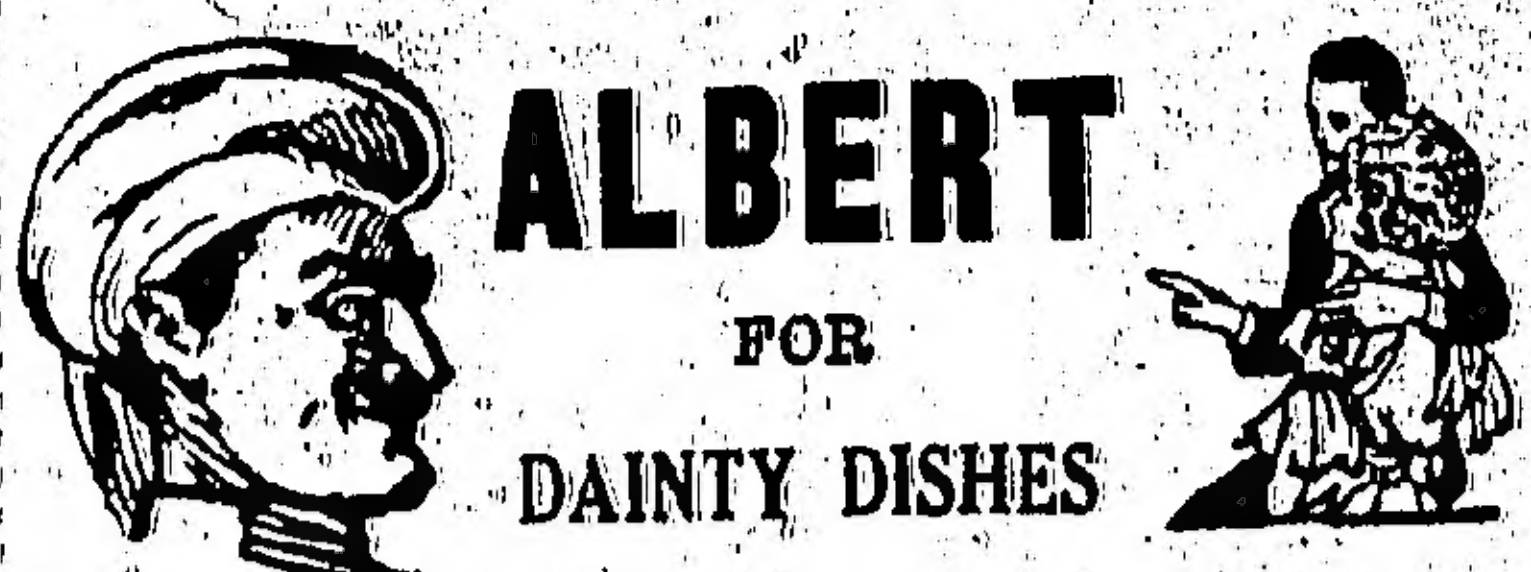
The Countess of Warwick has given her Essex estate of 1,000 acres to the Trade Union Congress as a site for a trade union college. Commander Morris J. Lenny, in command of Submarine S-50, testified that he was in communication with the S-51, sunk in collision with the "City of Rome," shortly before the fatal accident. Captain Gordon Campbell, V.C., youngest captain in the British Navy, has been given command of the great warship "Tiger." Dr. Harold Sverdrup, is scientific leader aboard the "Maud" on its seven years' expedition to reach the North Pole.

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SHANGHAI COUNCIL. CHANGE REPORTED IN THE SECRETARYSHIP.

Considerable interest was manifested in the International Settlement on April 1 when it became known that a change had taken place in the Secretaryship of the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Mr. E. S. Benbow-Rowe, who has been the Council's Secretary for the past three years, two of which he was Acting Secretary, became indisposed several days ago, necessitating his absence from office. On March 30, quite suddenly from the public point of view, Mr. S. M. Edwards, who has been Assistant Secretary since February, 1925, was instructed to take charge of all secretarial matters, and though at present the change is said to be temporary there is reason to believe that a permanent change in the Secretaryship is contemplated by the Shanghai Municipal Council.

Nothing official upon this important matter could be learned on April 1, says the "Mercury," and the reason for the change must, therefore, remain in darkness until such time as the Shanghai Municipal Council chooses to make an official statement. The fact remains, however, that Mr. S. M. Edwards at present occupies the Secretarial chair, having done so since April 1.

Mr. Edwards has not had a very long connection with the Municipal Council, having come to Shanghai but three years ago as Assistant to the Secretary. Since that time, he has had more than one promotion, having become Senior Assistant early in February last year.

If the present appointment proves to be a permanent one he is, therefore, to be congratulated upon such rapid advancement.

Mr. E. S. Benbow-Rowe has been identified with the Secretariat of the Shanghai Municipal Council for a number of years, and last year was appointed Secretary. A good sportsman, he has been known as a popular member of the Race Club, and other sporting organisations in the city.

The most remarkable thing about Smith was his amazingly large mouth, which he always contorted into an all-pervading smile whenever he wished to make a good impression. His sweetheart persuaded him to "ask father," and he was determined at all costs to make a good impression.

"Mr. Jones," he began, with a smile in which his mouth took its usual prominent part. "I have come to ask permission to marry your daughter."

"One moment," interrupted the old gentleman, mildly. "Would you mind closing your mouth for a moment till I see who you are?"

ALLEGED FRAUD. JAPANESE LAWYER CHARGED.

Y. Norisugi, a Japanese lawyer practising chiefly among Chinese and Sikh clients was brought before Judge A. Tajima and Prosecutor S. Tajima on April 1 at the Japanese Consular Court, Shanghai, to answer charges of obtaining money by false pretences. The accused is alleged to have told a Sikh client, Indar Singh, to deposit \$130 at the Bank of Taiwan, stating that the money was wanted in pursuit of a case in Court in which this client was concerned. Soon after the Sikh client did so, the accused withdrew the money from the bank without the consent of his client, converting the same to his own use. Next, he is alleged to have approached one Y. Shimada, who was recently ordered by the local Japanese authorities to be deported to Japan as a habitual offender, and told him that if he would pay \$300 as expenses, the accused could make the authorities cancel the order, and though the deported man, complied with this request, nothing was done for him. The accused pleaded "not guilty."

Prosecutor Tajima, however, asked that accused be sentenced to eight months' imprisonment. The judgment will shortly be given.

FOR AUSTRALIA.

BRITISH DELEGATES VISIT
IN SEPTEMBER.

Melbourne, March 11.
Forty-five members of the Federal Parliament attended a meeting of the Empire Parliamentary Association, at Parliament House, which announced that all the invitations issued to the United Kingdom and Dominions for a visit to Australia this year had been accepted. The British visitors will arrive in Sydney on September 12 and the visitors will tour the States, beginning from Queensland, and ending with West Australia. All will be guests of the Commonwealth and State Parliaments which will co-operate to make their visit a complete success.

The difference between theft and non-delivery of cargo came up for definition in an Appeal case last month. Of 89 cases in a shipment, six never arrived at their destination, eight arrived empty, and three short of contents. The underwriters settled for the last eleven cases, but required positive proof of theft as regards the missing six cases. It was shown that during shipment the goods had suffered delay whilst lying out in the open, and on inference from the facts the Court of Appeal decided that the missing cases had been pilfered.

NOT WANTED. IVANOFF DENOUNCED IN SHANGHAI.

M. Ivanoff, Manager of the Chinese Eastern Railway and his suite arrived in Shanghai from Dairen on March 30 aboard the D.K.K. s.s. "Dairen Maru." Upon receipt of the information regarding his coming, the local Chinese organisations including the All-Kiangsu Guild, National Diplomatic Support Association and so forth held an urgent meeting on March 30, when Wang Hsing-wu, representative of the Chinese Merchants' Federation, delivered a speech denouncing M. Ivanoff and stating that he has doubtlessly brought to Shanghai important missions from Soviet Government, one of which will most probably be the Red propaganda in this locality. At the meeting, they passed the following resolutions:—

(1) That the authorities shall refuse his entry into the Settlement, or some restriction be put upon his movement.

(2) The Anti-Bolshevik Organisations in Shanghai shall jointly check his action in this locality.

(3) That a circular telegram be sent to the military authorities of the districts which are to be passed by Ivanoff requesting that they keep a vigilant watch on his behaviour.

(4) That a telegram be sent to the Peking Government requesting them to make a claim for the damage done through the suspension of the railway service on the side of the Russian management.

Commons Hat Comedy.

An old Parliamentary joke appeared in an entirely novel form in the House of Commons one night. Mr. Buchanan, one of the Clyde-side Socialist M.P.s, was anxious after a division had been called to make a point of order. At such a time it is only permissible for a member to do so if he is wearing a hat. Mr. Buchanan was at a loss; he had no hat, but Miss Ellen Wilkinson, the Socialist member for Middlesbrough, came to his assistance. Taking a black toque off her head she handed it to Mr. Buchanan, who put it on his head. By thus conforming to the letter of the rules he was able to raise his point of order, amid roars of laughter from all parts of the House. Being over-ruled, he handed the toque back to Miss Wilkinson.

A judge was crossing to Ireland from Holyhead one stormy night when he knocked against a lawyer suffering severely from sea-sickness. "Can I do anything for you?" inquired the judge. "Yes," gasped the sufferer. "Will your lordship overrule this motion?"

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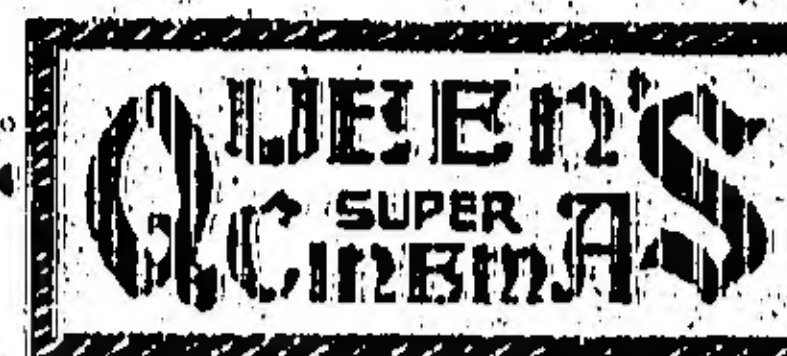
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